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Dr. Katherine Mitchell, left, a doctor at the Phoenix VA hospital, listens as Scott Davis, a program specialist at the VA's Health Eligibility Center in Atlanta, testifies while Verna Jones and Lou Celli, back, of the American Legion, look on during a House Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

## Standing up to the VA

Numerous reports of whistleblower reprisals trigger overhaul

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

**J**ose Mathews became chief of psychiatry for the VA in St. Louis and quickly realized the department's reported wait times for veterans seeking treatment did not match reality.

Deeply troubled by what he saw, Mathews raised \$60,000 from private donors to conduct his own survey to help determine whether patients were getting timely psychiatric care at the city's Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.

The VA launched an investigation of the doctor and immediately moved him from the management position to a new job evaluating compensation for mental disorders, said Mathews, who testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee on Tuesday evening.

Numerous reports of similar reprisals in the wake of a national scandal over access to care spurred the VA on Tuesday to announce an overhaul

of its Office of Medical Inspector, which has been criticized by federal investigators for white-washing complaints from whistleblowers within the department.

"They have already professionally assassinated me," Mathews told House lawmakers investigating the reports of whistleblower reprisals. "Are we protecting the veterans or are we protecting the VA employees?"

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**Are we protecting the veterans or are we protecting the VA employees?**

**Jose Mathews**  
former chief of psychiatry  
for the St. Louis VA

## 50 bodies found in Iraq, raising sectarian worries

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
AND QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHARA  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials discovered 50 bodies, many of them blindfolded and with their hands bound, in an agricultural area outside a city south of Baghdad on Wednesday, rais-



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ing concerns over a possible sectarian killing amid the battle against a Sunni insurgency. The lightning sweep by the militants over much of northern and western Iraq the past month has dramatically raised

tensions between the country's Shiite majority and Sunni minority. At the same time, splits have grown between the Shiite-led government in Baghdad and the Kurdish autonomous region in the north.

In an address Wednesday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki accused the Kurdish zone

of being a haven for the Islamic extremists and other Sunni insurgents. He did not provide any evidence, and the claims are likely to only further strain Baghdad's ties with the Kurds, whose fighters have been battling the militant advance in the north.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It was either the drugs and the alcohol or the babies — she couldn't afford both."

— Police Capt. Mike Roberts, from Pleasant Grove, Utah, on the woman who has been charged with six counts of first-degree murder after the bodies of seven infants were found in a garage

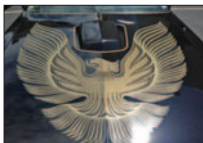
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## VA SCANDAL



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From left: Jose Mathews, former chief of psychiatry, St. Louis VA Health Care System; Christian Head, associate director, chief of staff, Legal and Quality Assurance, Greater Los Angeles VA Health Care System; Katherine Mitchell, medical director, Iraq and Afghanistan Post-Deployment Center, Phoenix VA Health Care System; and Scott Davis, program specialist, VA National Health Eligibility Center, are sworn in to testify before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on the Department of Veteran Affairs.

## VA: Whistleblowers testify of reprisals to House panel

### FROM FRONT PAGE

There are now 67 active investigations into retaliation against VA whistleblowers in 28 states, said Carolyn Lerner, head of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, an independent watchdog agency created to protect those who report wrongdoing in the federal government.

Lerner, who also testified, said the VA often ignored or denied valuable whistleblower reports on threats to patient care that the OSC shared.

However, there have been recent encouraging signs that the VA is interested in fixing problems with how whistleblower complaints are handled, she said.

Earlier Tuesday, Acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson announced major changes in the office that handles the reports.

"Given recent revelations by the Office of Special Counsel, it is clear that we need to restructure the Office of Medical Inspector to create a strong internal audit

function which will ensure issues of care quality and patient safety remain at the forefront," Gibson said in a statement.

VA Chief Medical Inspector John R. Pierce, who served in the position for a decade, resigned June 30 under fire over the treatment of whistleblowers.

Gibson said the VA will appoint an interim director of OMI from outside that office to assist with an overhaul of how internal complaints and concerns over medical treatment are handled.

Meanwhile, the VA will suspend the OMI's whistleblower hotline and refer all calls to the VA inspector general.

According to the whistleblowers who testified before the House

on Tuesday, staff throughout the VA have been systematically ignoring concerns and discouraging reports of wrongdoing.

Another physician, Katherine Mitchell, the medical director for the Phoenix VA's Iraq and Afghanistan Post-Deployment Center, said the department staff closed her off — nurses refused to communicate or provide needed help — when she reported serious shortcomings in emergency medical services.

The VA scandal began in late April after a whistleblowing doctor reported that 40 veterans may have died because of delays in care at Phoenix.

In a pattern repeated with other whistleblowers, the VA transferred Mitchell to a new, unrelated position without addressing her complaints, she said.

Staff who make such reports not only risk their VA jobs but also their ability to get new employment elsewhere after being removed from positions within

the department, Mitchell said.

"This is bullying; that's what it amounts to," said Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., who sits on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, said Matthews is one of "hundreds" of whistleblowers who have approached the committee about wrongdoing and reprisals since the scandal broke in late April.

During the House hearing, Miller strongly criticized what he called an "organizational cesspool" within the VA that prized protecting managers over veteran care and led to preventable deaths at facilities across the country.

"In every one of these locations, whistleblowers played a vital role in exposing misconduct within the department," Miller said.

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## MILITARY

# Report: Birds to blame for helicopter crash

By ADAM L. MATHIS  
Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — A series of bird strikes that knocked the pilot and co-pilot unconscious caused a U.S. HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter to crash at a nature preserve in England earlier this year, the Air Force said in a report released Wednesday.

The crash occurred in January on the Cley Marshes, a nature preserve near Salthouse, England, while two helicopters from the 56th Rescue Squadron out of RAF Lakenheath were conducting a low-flying training exercise to rescue a downed F-16 pilot. The crash killed the pilots and crew of the trailing helicopter — Capt. Christopher S. Stover, Capt. Sean M. Ruan, Tech. Sgt. Dale E. Mathews and Staff Sgt. Ashton M. Ponce.

At least three geese broke through the aircraft's windshield and knocked Stover and Ruan unconscious, the U.S. Air Force Aircraft Accident Investigation

Board said. At least one bird struck the aircraft's nose, damaging components of the automatic flight control system.

The air crew of the lead helicopter did not notice the birds, investigators said. Crews were using night vision goggles, which can make seeing birds difficult, investigators wrote. The goggles "have a limited field of view and inherently less than perfect visual acuity."

Investigators placed no blame on the crew of the crashed helicopter, mission planning or aircraft maintenance.

Bird activity was supposed to be minimal in the area. The 56th was in possession of a bird activity report, effective the day of the crash, that indicated the Salthouse area had low bird activity, investigators said.

However, investigators also noted that wildlife officials observed a flock of about "400 geese, along with other birds," in the area the day before the crash. Officials saw no geese on the day



ADAM L. MATHIS/Stars and Stripes

**A helicopter sits near the site where an HH-60G Pave Hawk crashed near Salthouse, England, in January. Multiple bird strikes, which rendered the pilot and co-pilot unconscious, are being blamed for the crash, according to an accident investigation report released Wednesday.**

of the crash.

The report also noted that a December storm in the area of the Blakeney Nature Preserve, which is no more than 10 miles from the crash site, encouraged "the growth of vegetation that is undesirable to birds" and caused them "to find alternate feeding and roosting sites."

Investigators said that Lakenheath officials had, in a January

safety brief, "instructed aircrews to assume a moderate bird hazard condition for the duration of the migration season, unless otherwise briefed."

The U.K. government regulates how airspace can be used, but a Royal Air Force spokesman said there are no plans because of the accident to change the rules governing the airspace near Salthouse.

"Effectively, it was a freak occurrence," the spokesman said, citing the weather.

Lakenheath officials said in a statement that it is "difficult to attribute any operational adjustments directly to the investigation results, because our mitigation plans are always being adapted to face current avian concerns."

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## Air Force is taking heat over canceled \$1B computer project

By BARRIE BARBER  
Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

A key Senate subcommittee report chastised the Air Force for spending \$1 billion to develop a computer logistics management system that was never fielded.

The Expeditionary Combat Support System, once managed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, was canceled in December 2012 after eight years of development, a price tag of more than \$1 billion, and the loss of more than 600 jobs in the Miami Valley tied to the project.

Wright-Patterson announced 115 people would lose their jobs at the base and 55 others would be reassigned in 2012 because of the program's cancellation. The Air Force decision to end contractor Computer Science Corp.'s involvement with the program led to the elimination of about 500 company or contractor jobs in Beavercreek, Ohio, by that same year.

The Senate Permanent Committee on Investigations released a report this week highly critical of how the Air Force handled the initiative to take commercial, off-the-shelf software, with some modifications, and use it to replace more than 200 computer logistics systems.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., ranking member of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, called the Air Force's management of ECSS a "debacle" and urged the Pentagon to follow lessons learned to allow its budgets to be audited and to avoid "the same disastrous fate as ECSS."

"The Air Force's billion dollar ECSS failure is the most egregious example of mismanagement at the Department of Defense in recent memory," McCain said in a statement. "The Air Force did not have a clear idea of what it wanted ECSS to accomplish, the

lack of strong leadership, coupled with the Air Force's cultural resistance to change, only exacerbated the program's problems."

The report echoed similar concerns.

"The result of the ECSS's failure was a waste of \$1.1 billion in taxpayer money, a loss of eight years of effort, the same old inadequate logistics system far inferior to the promise of ECSS, and a major setback to the Air Force's attempt to transform how it does business," the report said.

Among the report's key conclusion on why the project faltered: A strong cultural resistance to change in the Defense Department hindered using "widely endorsed" management principles; a lack of leadership; and a disregard of acquisition best practices.

Ed Gulick, an Air Force spokesman, said in an email Tuesday the Air Force "has learned many lessons from the cancellation of the program and is implementing corrective actions" from an Air Force review. The Air Force has moved away from plans for a large-scale computer logistics management system to smaller, more manageable systems, he said.

The Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System, a new financial management system, has put into practice the lessons learned from ECSS, according to Gulick.

Heather L. Williams, a Computer Sciences Corp. spokeswoman, said in an email the Senate report's key findings were consistent with the company's review of the program.

Among other recommendations, the report urged the Pentagon to improve results of acquiring enterprise resource planning programs by following business guidelines early in the process; bringing investment review boards into the beginning of budgeting; and creating a single governance structure to acquire enterprise resource planning systems.

## Navy warns it can't meet 30-year funding needs

By TONY CAPACCIO  
Bloomberg News

The U.S. Navy can't meet its funding needs for surface warships and a new class of nuclear attack submarines from 2025 to 2034, according to the service's latest 30-year shipbuilding plan.

The congressionally required blueprint, submitted late last week and obtained by Bloomberg News, says the Navy's plan "requires funding at an unsustainable level" unless spending on shipbuilding is increased.

The document outlines challenges facing the plan to increase the Navy fleet to 306 vessels from the current 289 while building 12 new Ohio-class submarines, part of the nation's nuclear triad of air, land and sea weapons.

The Navy report provides one service's challenges beyond the Pentagon's current five-year funding plan in an era of declining defense spending.

After 2019, the Defense Department will confront a confluence of expenses that includes the new submarines, planned full production of Lockheed Martin's F-35 fighter jet and a new Long-Range Strike bomber.

The average cost of the Navy plan during the period when

**The average cost of the Navy plan during the period when the service will be spending the most on the new sub is \$19.7B a year.**

the service will be spending the most on the new submarine is \$19.7 billion a year, including more than \$24 billion at the peak year of fiscal 2032, according to the report.

This budget "cannot be accommodated by the Navy from existing resources — particularly if" the Pentagon remains under congressionally mandated automatic cuts known as sequestration, the report said.

The Navy's historical shipbuilding budget has averaged about \$13 billion a year, in fiscal 2014 dollars.

"Even if the Ohio-replacement program is removed" from the Navy plan, the average shipbuilding funding required beginning in fiscal 2020 is as much as \$15 billion annually, the report found.



## MIDEAST

# UN: Civilian casualties in Afghanistan at record high

By JOSH SMITH  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Civilians are being killed and injured in record numbers in Afghanistan, the United Nations said Wednesday.

The U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan said in a report that it documented 4,853 civilian casualties, including 1,564 deaths and 3,289 injuries, in the first six months of 2014.

That's a 24 percent increase compared with the same period last year, the report said. The total included 295 children killed and 776 injured, a 34 percent jump over last year.

The number of civilians hurt or killed by the fighting in Afghanistan has risen steadily since the U.N. started tracking such casualties in 2009, when international military operations were at their height. The rising number of deaths and injuries comes as the NATO coalition prepares to depart at the end of the year and Afghan forces take the lead in security operations.

In a signal that the war here is far from over, ground combat surpassed improvised bombs as the leading cause of civilian casualties.

"The nature of the conflict in Afghanistan is changing in 2014 with an escalation of ground engagements in civilian-populated areas," UNAMA chief Jan Kubis said in a statement. "The impact on civilians, including the most vulnerable Afghans, is proving to be devastating."

That trend has been highlighted in recent weeks by ongoing fighting in the restive Helmand province in southwestern Afghanistan.

Afghan officials say more than 140 civilians have been killed or wounded during clashes between government forces and the Taliban. Thousands more civilians are reported to have been displaced by the violence.

"The overall levels of violence in this report shows that the war is heating up," said Graeme Smith, a Kabul-based analyst for the International Crisis Group.

He said the rise in casualties

caused by ground combat suggests increased confidence among insurgents. "If they thought they were going to lose battles they would hide and use improvised explosive devices," he said. "But they're not hiding. They're not afraid to go out and shoot."

A spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force said coalition officials are still analyzing the report but added, "We take our commitment to protecting the Afghan people seriously and will continue to work with our Afghan partners to ensure we take all actions necessary to reduce civilian casualties."

Protecting civilians is also a priority for Afghan forces, Afghanistan Defense Ministry spokesman Zahir Azimi told Stars and Stripes, pointing out that the U.N. report blames insurgent groups for most of the casualties.

The world body attributed 74 percent of the total casualties this year to insurgent groups like the Taliban. Nine percent were caused by government forces, and 1 percent were linked to in-



ALLAUDIN KHAN/AP

**Afghan security forces inspect the site of a suicide attack in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. Six people were killed when insurgents wearing bomb vests tried to take over the governor's compound. The civilian death toll in Afghanistan has surged.**

ternational military troops.

Twelve percent occurred during fighting between government and insurgent forces, when civilians were caught in the crossfire. The remaining 4 percent were largely caused by unexploded munitions, the report found.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid categorically rejected the report, accusing the U.N. of bias and of not giving the insurgent group time to officially investigate and refute the allegations.

"This report is made with the

information and direction of our enemy," he told Stars and Stripes. "It is propaganda for our enemy and the Kabul administration."

Compared with 2009, the number of civilian casualties caused by "pro-government" forces has dropped by half, almost entirely due to reduced aerial operations by international military forces, the U.N. said.

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## MILITARY

# AFN station in Bahrain gets \$80K upgrade

By HENDRICK SIMOES  
Stars and Stripes

MANAMA, Bahrain — The radio studio that proclaims itself the “hottest radio station on this side of the planet” was an empty, dingy room Tuesday.

The American Forces Network station in Bahrain is getting a much needed upgrade that involves replacing everything from the radio board to the floor mats as AFN officials strive to improve the station's signal.

There will be no live shows during the \$80,000 upgrade, but listeners will still get AFN radio from satellite services. Officials expect the station to be back on the air by the end of July.

The upgrade is part of a broader effort to reach the growing number of U.S. personnel living farther away from the U.S. Navy base, which is home to the U.S. 5th Fleet. In April, in response to persisting signal issues, AFN installed a new transmitter and increased the signal from 50 watts to 400 watts on this tiny island Persian Gulf nation — the maximum allowed by the Bahraini government. However, some signal woes remained.

“Part of that is improving the signal quality from the station



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**Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan Schott, left, lays new matting while Rolando Rivera applies an adhesive to the floor of the American Forces Network radio studio in Bahrain on Tuesday. An \$80,000 upgrade underway is part of a broader effort to expand the station's reach.**

to the transmitter,” said Rusty Barfield, the acting AFN Pacific commander, who oversees AFN Bahrain. He said replacing the ca-

bling and studio equipment would further improve the signal quality while providing DJs with the latest technology for their shows.

The station's signal at 106.3 megahertz, which reaches a primary audience of 8,200 U.S. personnel, originates from a

Conex-box-like structure on the base.

AFN has submitted an official request to base officials to relocate the station to a permanent structure.

In the meantime, AFN officials said, the radio studio equipment was in “serious” need of a life-cycle change.

Chief Petty Officer Frank Neely, the station's manager, said the upgrade coincides with the arrival of more personnel to operate the station.

“One of the biggest things we're looking forward to is to be doing more live shows,” he said.

Officials stressed the importance of being able to push out command information to every member of the American audience in Bahrain.

“Local radio deals with the safety of people and property, probably the most important thing we do in terms of our mission, especially during contingencies and emergencies,” Barfield said.

There are also plans underway to relocate the FM antenna and replace cabling to further increase signal quality across the island.

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## MILITARY

# Senators: US not doing enough for Ukraine

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Senate lawmakers blasted Obama administration officials Wednesday for a weak response and a lack of new sanctions on Russia for its aggression toward Ukraine.

Leaders in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said a string of U.S. threats have failed to stop Russian President Vladimir Putin from allowing equipment and fighters to flow across the border of Ukraine, which is fighting Russian-backed separatists in its east and saw its Crimean Peninsula annexed by Russia in March.

The U.S. imposed sanctions on Moscow in March and had backed an effort over the past two months by newly elected Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko to reconcile with separatists and bring stability to Ukraine, a former Soviet republic. But Poroshenko called off a 10-day unilateral cease-fire this week after violence flared and his government lost territory to the rebels.

"What is keeping us from going ahead and putting sanctions in place when we know there is Russian military equipment on the ground in eastern Ukraine," said Sen. Tom Corker, R-Tenn., as he criticized the State Department's handling of the crisis. "Seriously, I sometimes wonder if foreign service officers feel like resigning when you are put out there to sound tough but know that not-

ing is really going to happen."

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., said "hollow" threats of new U.S. sanctions last month had little effect on Putin's strategy in Ukraine.

The Russian president feigned a withdrawal of forces along the eastern Ukrainian border but then cut off gas supplies and allowed tanks and fighters to cross over, continuing his gambit to exert influence and control in the region after taking Crimea earlier this year, Menendez said.

"What are we waiting for?" he said.

Victoria Nuland, the State Department's assistant secretary for European and Eurasian affairs, said the Obama administration was hopeful that Poroshenko's peace plans could work to calm Ukraine but continued aggression backed by Putin has caused skepticism.

The administration is now crafting a new package of Russia sanctions. President Barack Obama issued executive orders in March freezing the assets of individuals, businesses and institutions that stole assets from Ukraine.

But the administration has been reluctant to act again without an agreement with Germany and other European allies on how to punish Russia, Nuland said.

"We are now talking to the Europeans on when it is appropriate to move together," she said. "We very much prefer to move



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVALS/AP

Victoria Nuland, center, of the State Department, is flanked by Derek Chollet, left, of the Department of Defense, and Daniel Glaser from Treasury as she testifies Wednesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing to examine Russia and developments in Ukraine.

together, so we are looking at the evidence and building the package as we move forward."

European Union leaders will have a final summer meeting July 16, which could be the last opportunity for some time for the U.S. to reach an agreement with its allies in the region, Nuland said.

If no deal on sanctions is reached, Obama has said he may be willing to act alone to further

counter Russian aggression, she said.

The current sanctions are having some effect in fending off Russia and are allowing the U.S. to focus on aiding and training the Ukrainian military, which is another key area of support, said Derek Chollet, the assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs.

But the security situation re-

mains dire, especially along the country's porous eastern border, despite some reported victories by Ukrainian forces in recent days, Chollet said.

"I think we have to really expect the worst in terms of Russian response," he said, "and that is why we are watching it very closely."

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CHARLIE REIDEL/AP

Master Sgt. Tad Wagner looks over an inert Minuteman 3 missile in a training launch tube at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., last month.

## Older materiel that supports US nukes not a new concern

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. — The U.S. Air Force asserts with pride that America's nuclear missile system, more than 40 years old and designed during the Cold War to counter the now-defunct Soviet Union, is safe and secure. None has ever been used in combat or launched accidentally.

But it also admits to fraying at the edges: time-worn command posts, corroded launch silos, failing support equipment and an emergency-response helicopter fleet so antiquated that a replacement was deemed "critical" years ago.

The Minuteman is no ordinary weapon. The business end of the missile can deliver mass destruction across the globe as quickly as you could have a pizza delivered to your doorstep. But even as the Minuteman has been updated over the years and remains ready for launch on short notice, the items that support it have grown old. That partly explains why missile corps morale has sagged and discipline has sometimes faltered, as

revealed in a series of Associated Press reports documenting leadership, training, disciplinary and other problems in the ICBM force that has prompted worry at the highest levels of the Pentagon.

"One of the reasons for the low morale is that the nuclear forces feel unimportant, and they are often treated as such, very openly," says Michelle Spencer, a defense consultant in Alabama who led a nuclear forces study for the Air Force published in 2012. She said in an interview the airmen they're called missileers — became disillusioned by an obvious but unacknowledged lack of interest in nuclear priorities among Air Force leaders.

Robert Goldich, a former defense analyst at the Congressional Research Service, said the ICBM force for years got "the short end of the stick" on personnel and resources.

"When that happened, people lost sight of how incredibly rigorous you've got to be to ensure quality control when nuclear weapons are involved," he said.

That may be changing. Air Force leaders are making a fresh push to fix things.

When Deborah Lee James became Air Force secretary in December, she quickly made her way to each of the three ICBM bases and came away with a conviction that rhetoric was not matched by resources.

James says the fixes will require money — and a major attitude adjustment.

"I happen to think the top thing that really drives an airman is feeling like they're making a difference ... protecting America," she said last month. Missileers ought to feel that way, she said, but she is not convinced they do. "And so, over time, we've got to change that around."

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# NATION

## Severe storms leave 5 dead in upstate NY, Md.

The Associated Press

SMITHFIELD, N.Y. — Severe thunderstorms packing strong winds swept through a number of Eastern states, killing five people, destroying or damaging numerous houses and leaving nearly 200,000 without power Wednesday, officials said.

In central New York, four people died when the storms hit the rural town of Smithfield, between Syracuse and Utica, the Madison County Sheriff's Office said. At least four homes were destroyed and numerous others were damaged. Nearly 56,000 utility customers in central and northern New York were still without power early Wednesday.

Injuries and damage from Tuesday's fast-moving storms were not limited to New York state. In Maryland, a child at a summer

camp was killed by a falling tree. Three small tornadoes touched down in Ohio and at least one other was sighted in Pennsylvania, where more than 300,000 lost power at the peak of the storms.

The National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado destroyed the homes in upstate New York.

Barbara Watson, the meteorologist leading the agency's survey team, said that the violent winds Tuesday were at least 100 mph and reached undetermined higher speeds to cause the damage they're seeing in the town of Smithfield, between Syracuse and Utica.

Madison County Sheriff Allen Riley said one home was blown hundreds of feet before it landed on an unoccupied house.



JOHN HAEGER, THE ONEIDA (N.Y.) DAILY DISPATCH/AP

Debris is visible on Goff Road in Smithfield, N.Y., following severe storms Tuesday. Officials in central New York said four people are dead and four homes were destroyed.

He identified the victims as a 35-year-old woman and her 4-month-old daughter, a 70-year-old woman and a 53-year-old man.

In Maryland, a tree fell at a summer camp during a strong thunderstorm, killing one child and injuring six others. The children at the River Valley Ranch camp in Manchester were headed to a shelter when a tree fell on them.

Also, severe thunderstorms spawned at least one tornado in Mercer County in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Early Wednesday, more than 123,000 across the state remained without power, including 66,000 in Philadelphia and its suburbs. The NWS said possible tornadoes were

also reported in Perry, Bedford and Sullivan counties in central Pennsylvania.

The National Weather Service said three small tornadoes touched down in northeastern Ohio, causing minor damage.

In New Jersey, nearly 15,000 homes and businesses remained without power Wednesday.

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## NATION

## Gains are made in Calif. wildfire fight

The Associated Press

WINTERS, Calif. — A day of diminishing temperatures brought big gains toward containment of a wildfire in rugged and steep terrain in Northern California.

The 10-square-mile Monticello Fire near Lake Berryessa in Yolo County was 71 percent contained Tuesday night — up 16 percent from the beginning of the day — with full containment expected by the end of the week.

It was one of dozens of blazes blackening parts of the West in summer drought conditions that have brought a fire-friendly landscape.

The White House on Tuesday said President Barack Obama would ask Congress for \$61.5 million to help fight the fires this season.

Fire crews also increased containment of several wildfires covering a combined 33 square miles of desert rangeland in eastern Nevada and southwestern Utah, including the 14-square-mile Lages Fire. No homes or other

structures were threatened.

The California fire started Friday near the lake about 75 miles northeast of San Francisco that is a popular recreation spot that attracts boaters and campers during the Fourth of July weekend. It brought evacuations and road closures that were all canceled by Monday.

It was fueled by thick, brittle brush that has not burned for at least two decades and was fanned by gusty winds amid heat exceeding 100 degrees.

Such dry conditions have hurt the fight against other wildfires in Nevada, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah and Washington state.

In northern New Mexico, a lightning-sparked, 5½-square-mile fire was 95 percent contained.

In Idaho, all evacuations were lifted Monday as more crews were dispatched to the Colorado Gulch Fire in Blaine County as flames spread. The fire has blackened a square mile since it started Sunday. Officials expected to have it contained by Wednesday.

## Lake Mead endangered by southwestern drought

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Drought in the southwestern U.S. will deplete the vast Lake Mead this week to levels not seen since Hoover Dam was completed and the reservoir on the Colorado River was filled in the 1930s, federal water managers said.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation regional chief Terry Fulp said Tuesday that water obligations will be met at least through next year without a key shortage declaration. The result will be full deliveries to cities, states, farms and Indian tribes in an area that's home to some 40 million people and the cities of Las Vegas, Phoenix and Los Angeles.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area, outside Las Vegas, is among the federal government's top tourist attractions. It drew some 6.3 million visitors in 2013, about the same number as the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. Lake Mead today stores about 10.2 million acre-feet of water and is managed in conjunction with Lake Powell, the reservoir farther up the Colorado River near the Utah-Arizona state line.

Rose Davis, a bureau spokeswoman, said Lake Powell was at 52 percent capacity.

Fulp's company controlled management of the two largest reservoirs on the Colorado River to pouring tea from one cup to another.

Seven southwestern U.S. states reap the result under a 1928 allocation agreement that also provides shares of Colorado River water to Native American tribes



**A dry and cracked area near the Lake Mead Marina shows the effects of the lake's receding water level in Lake Mead, Nev., in 2003. Drought is depleting the lake to levels not seen since the 1930s.**

and Mexico.

Federal and state water officials have negotiated plans for a shortage declaration triggering delivery cuts to Nevada and Arizona if annual projections for the Lake Mead water level drop below a certain elevation.

Last year, after back-to-back driest years in a century, federal water managers gave Arizona and Nevada a 50-50 chance of having water deliveries cut in 2016.

California, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming wouldn't see direct cuts in their share of river water, but officials have acknowledged there would be ripple effects.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

**Buyers wait in line outside Cannabis City in Seattle on Tuesday, the first day that sales of recreational pot became legal in Washington state.**

## Long lines, short supply as Wash. pot sales begin

BY GENE JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington's slow rollout of its legal marijuana market was spreading to more cities Wednesday, one day after big crowds lined up outside the state's first licensed pot shops.

Adam Markus, the owner of Station 420 in Union Gap, said difficulties with a software system for tracking marijuana prevented his shop from opening on the first day stores could open under state rules. He planned to open at 1 p.m. Wednesday — and after seeing how smoothly things went Tuesday, he's relieved.

"When you have absolutely everything invested in something — let's just say I was really nervous until I saw the lines this morning," he said.

Twenty months after voters legalized recreational cannabis for adults over 21, Washington state's first few licensed pot shops opened for business Tuesday, catering to hundreds of customers who were thrilled to be part of the historic moment. The state eventually plans to have more than

300 shops operating.

The pot being sold at four stores in Seattle, Bellingham, Prosser and Spokane was regulated, tested for impurities, heavily taxed and in short supply — such short supply that several other shops

**'This is a tectonic shift in public policy. You have to honor it.'**

Pete Holmes  
Seattle city attorney

couldn't open because they had nothing to sell.

Pete Holmes, Seattle's elected city attorney and a main backer of the state's recreational marijuana law, said he wanted to be one of the first customers to

demonstrate there are alternatives to the nation's failed drug war.

"This is a tectonic shift in public policy," he said. "You have to honor it. This is real. This is legal. This is a wonderful place to purchase marijuana where it's out of the shadows."

Dressed in a pinstripe suit, Holmes stood inside Seattle's first and, for now, only licensed pot shop,

Cannabis City, south of downtown. The shop was sweltering. He fanned himself with a state-produced pamphlet titled "Marijuana Use in Washington State: An Adult Consumer's Guide."

Holmes said it had been quite some time since he smoked pot. He paraphrased a line from the "South Park" cartoon series: "Remember, children, there's a time and place for everything. That place is college."

After getting a recommendation on what strain to buy, he spent \$80 on 4 grams.

Washington is the second state to allow marijuana sales without a doctor's note. Voters in Colorado legalized pot in 2012, and sales began there Jan. 1.

Washington's Liquor Control Board began working right away to develop rules governing just about every aspect of the industry, from what fertilizers can be used to how extracts are produced. But the board has been overwhelmed. Nearly 7,000 people applied to grow, process or sell pot, and those licenses are being reviewed glacially by the board's 18 investigators.

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# NATION

## Much alarm but no answers on immigrant surge

By ERICA WERNER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top Obama administration officials told senators Wednesday they're struggling to keep up with the surge of immigrants at the Southern border, acknowledging they've been overwhelmed as children show up by the tens of thousands from violence-torn Central America.

"We have not been what I would say successful yet" in ensuring that the unaccompanied kids are processed by the Border Patrol as quickly as required, Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator Craig Fugate testified before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

"The children continue to come across the border. It's a very fluid situation," Fugate said. "Although we have made progress, that progress is oftentimes disrupted when we see sudden influxes of kids coming in faster than we can discharge them, and we back up."

Gil Kerlikowske, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection commission, said the number of children picked up since October stands at 57,000, up from 52,000 in mid-June, and more than double what it was at the same time last year.

The situation "is difficult and distressing on a lot of levels," Kerlikowske said.

Their testimony came a day after President Barack Obama appealed to Congress to give him \$3.7 billion in emergency spending to deal with the crisis, which has become a political test for his administration as it sparks fierce debate on Capitol Hill and beyond.

The president was in Texas Wednesday for a fundraising trip, but he resisted calls to visit the border. Instead Obama planned to meet in Dallas with faith lead-

ers and Texas officials, including Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

The crisis gave Republicans a fresh opportunity to question the Obama administration's competence even as it complicated the debate over the nation's fractured immigration laws.

Republicans at Wednesday's hearing slammed Obama administration policies, blaming his efforts to relax some deportation rules for contributing to rumors circulating in Central America that once here, migrant kids would be allowed to stay.

"We're trying to stop human trafficking. Are we actually increasing it?" asked Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., noted that a high percentage of the children fleeing El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala are able to succeed in their goal of staying in America because they're issued notices to appear at court hearings in the distant future, and many never do.

"Your odds are pretty good," McCain said. "There is ample incentive for them to come to this country."

The Department of Justice announced Wednesday that it's changing its priorities in order to respond to the crisis. Juan Osuna, director of the executive office of immigration review, testified that deportation cases involving unaccompanied child immigrants and parents traveling with children would be moved to the top of court dockets.

That means lower priority cases will take even longer to wind through a court system where there's currently a backlog of more than 360,000 pending deportation cases.

Obama's emergency spending request would add more judges to the court system.



TONY DEJAN/AP

A man sits on a picnic table with a view of downtown Cleveland on Tuesday. The city is expected to be the site of the GOP's 2016 presidential nomination convention.

## Cleveland expected to host GOP

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cleveland won the unanimous backing of a Republican National Committee panel on Tuesday, all but guaranteeing the GOP's 2016 presidential pick will accept the party's nomination in perennially hard-fought Ohio.

The Republicans' site selection committee backed Cleveland over donor-rich Dallas, and the full 168-member RNC is expected to ratify the choice next month. The move reflects the role Ohio, with its 18 electoral votes, plays in presidential campaigns.

"As goes Ohio, so goes the presidential race," said party Chairman Reince Priebus.

The RNC did not announce a start date for the convention but Priebus said June 28 or July 18, 2016, are the options under consideration. An earlier-than-normal convention was a priority for Priebus, and leaders of Dallas' bid said the calendar was the main factor running against Dallas.

"June is not an option for us," said former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who was involved in Dallas' bid. "Reince really wants June."

Paying for the convention was another consideration. The previous two GOP conventions sapped party dollars during election years, and Priebus insisted the host city not leave the central party picking up the tab.

Although Dallas had the edge on fundraising as recently as last month, Cleveland narrowed that gap and lined up early pledges toward the expected \$60 million price tag.

A successful convention is a boon not just to the political party,

but also to the local economy.

In a post-convention report, organizers of the 2012 GOP convention in Tampa, Fla., said its \$58 million in fundraising resulted

in a \$214 million direct economic impact. Some 50,000 activists, officials and reporters descended on the Tampa area for the convention, officials said.

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## Ex-New Orleans mayor sentenced to 10 years

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in prison for bribery, money laundering and other corruption that spanned his two terms as mayor — including the chaotic years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city in 2005.

Nagin was convicted Feb. 12 of accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars from businessmen who wanted work from the city or Nagin's support for various projects. The bribes came in the form of

money, free vacations and truckloads of free granite for his family business.

The 58-year-old Democrat had defiantly denied any wrongdoing after his 2013 indictment and during his February trial.

Until his indictment in 2013, he was perhaps best known for a widely heard radio interview in which he angrily, and sometimes profanely, asked for stepped-up federal response in the days after levee breaches flooded most of the city during Katrina.

Nagin was a political newcomer when he won election as New

Orleans' mayor, succeeding Marc Morial in 2002. He cast himself as a reformer and announced crackdowns on corruption in the city's automobile-inspection and taxi-permit programs. Federal prosecutors say his own corrupt acts began during his first term, continued through the Katrina catastrophe and flourished in his second term.

Moments before sentencing, a subdued Nagin made a brief statement, thanking the judge for her professionalism. He made no apologies. "I trust that God's going to work all this out," he said.

## NATION

# Labor dispute briefly shuts huge LA, Long Beach ports

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Nearly 1,000 dockworkers briefly walked off their jobs Tuesday at the massive ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, disrupting the movement of international cargo before a mediator ordered them back.

The action came as the union representing dockworkers at 29 West Coast ports negotiates a new contract, but it was not directly related to those talks. Instead, workers left their posts at four of the ports' 14 terminals in solidarity with truck drivers.

The West Coast waterfront has an acrimonious labor history; in 2002, employers alleged longshoremen were deliberately slowing down work and locked them out for 10 days, costing the U.S. economy billions of dollars.

During this year's negotiations, both the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and Pacific Maritime Association, which represents international shipping lines and port terminal operators, have said they do not want disruptions in trade.

On Tuesday morning, however, union members at three terminals



STEPHEN CARR, THE (TORRANCE, CALIF.) DAILY BREEZE/AP  
Members of the Teamsters Union picket in the Port of Long Beach, Calif., in support of a strike by port truck drivers Tuesday.

in Los Angeles and one in Long Beach walked out after pickets representing truck drivers set up lines at six terminals. A spokeswoman for the drivers, Barb Maynard, said pickets targeted the terminals after trucks from three companies they have been trying to unionize went there to load or drop off containers.

Within two hours, an arbitrator ruled that a walkout-in-solidarity was not permissible and ordered dockworkers to resume loading and unloading ships. By afternoon, the flow of cargo was returning to normal.

In all, about 900 workers walked off, maritime association spokesman Steve Getzug said.

# Police believe addiction drove Utah mom to hide bodies of her 7 babies

By LAUREN RAAB  
Los Angeles Times

A Utah woman killed six of her babies because she couldn't raise the children while also supporting her drug and alcohol addictions, police said Tuesday.

The bodies of seven infants were discovered in a garage in Pleasant Grove, near Salt Lake City, in mid-April. Megan Huntsman was charged with six counts of first-degree murder that month.

Huntsman told police she had given birth to "at least seven babies" between 1996 and 2006, according to an affidavit. One was stillborn, and the rest were strangled or suffocated and then hidden in boxes in her garage.

She told police that during those years she was heavily addicted to methamphetamine and alcohol and had to make a choice, Pleasant Grove Police Capt. Mike Roberts told the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday.

"It was either the drugs and the alcohol or the babies — she couldn't afford both," he said.

The first body was discovered April 12 by Huntsman's estranged husband, Darren West,

who was cleaning out the garage. He reported it to police, and they found the others.

Huntsman told West that she hid the stillborn baby because she was scared and didn't know what to do, according to a court filing.

DNA tests from an FBI lab showed Huntsman was the mother and West the father of all seven children, Roberts said Tuesday. Five of the infants were female and two were male. All were full-term.

Huntsman has three daughters — one teenager and two young adults — who lived at the house. It is unclear how she was able to avoid questions from neighbors or the older children about her pregnancies.

Huntsman is scheduled to enter a plea July 21, but that is contingent on a competency evaluation, Roberts said.



Huntsman

# Hundreds of Memphis police call in sick

By ADRIAN SAINZ  
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Hundreds of Memphis police officers have called in sick over the past week, apparently to protest a decision by city officials to reduce their health care subsidies.

The number of officers calling in sick had increased to 554 by Tuesday, said Memphis police spokeswoman Karen Rudolph — about a quarter of the 2,200-person force.

The officers have been calling in since June 30. Memphis Police Director Toney Armstrong has said the calls are to protest the City Council's vote to reduce health care subsidies for police, firefighters and other city employees in order to redirect money to the city's troubled pension fund.

Officers and firefighters, along with their families, have staged protests at City Hall since the vote on June 17.

Gov. Bill Haslam said Tuesday that the Tennessee Highway Patrol had offered to have troopers fill in for the officers.

Haslam told The Associated Press that Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons has been in contact with Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton Jr. about the situation. It was not immediately known if the troopers will actually be called in to help.

Deputies with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office already are helping Memphis police conduct patrols.

Armstrong has said that offi-

cers who abuse the department's sick-leave policy will be disciplined. City employees have been notified that anyone calling in will have to speak to their supervisor every day they are out and state what duties their illness prevents them from performing, Wharton

said Tuesday. After three days of illness, they must have a doctor's note saying why they can't perform their duties, Wharton said.

The mayor reassured the public that safety has not been compromised due to what is being called the "Blue Flu."

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## IRAQ

# Former Iraqi chemical weapons site seized

Islamic State takes control of Baghdad-area facility where degraded rockets are said to be stored

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The Islamic State extremist group has taken control of a vast former chemical weapons facility northwest of Baghdad, where remnants of 2,500 degraded chemical rockets filled decades ago with the deadly nerve agent sarin are stored along with other chemical warfare agents, Iraq said in a letter circulated Tuesday at the United Nations.

The U.S. government played down the threat from the takeover, saying there are no intact chemical weapons and it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to use the

material for military purposes.

Iraq's U.N. Ambassador, Mohamed Ali Alhakim told U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a letter that "armed terrorist groups" entered the Muthanna site on June 11, detained officials and soldiers from the protection force guarding the facilities and seized their weapons. The following morning, the project manager spotted the looting of some equipment via the camera surveillance system before the "terrorists" disabled it, he said.

The Islamic State, which controls parts of Syria, sent its fighters into neighboring Iraq last month and quickly captured a vast stretch of territory strad-

dling the border between the two countries. Last week its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, declared the establishment of an Islamic state, or caliphate, in the land the extremists control.

Alhakim said as a result of the takeover of Muthanna, Iraq is unable "to fulfill its obligations to destroy chemical weapons" because of the deteriorating security situation. He said it would resume its obligations "as soon as the security situation has improved and control of the facility has been regained."

Alhakim singled out the capture of bunkers 13 and 41 in the sprawling complex 35 miles northwest of Baghdad in the no-

torious "Sunni Triangle."

The last major report by U.N. inspectors on the status of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program was released about a year after the experts left in March 2003. It states that Bunker 13 contained 2,500 sarin-filled 122-mm chemical rockets produced and filled before 1991, and about 180 tons of sodium cyanide, "a very toxic chemical and a precursor for the warfare agent tabun."

The U.N. said the bunker was bombed during the first Gulf War in February 1991, which routed Iraq from Kuwait, and the rockets were "partially destroyed or damaged."

It said the sarin munitions were "of poor quality" and "would largely be degraded after years of storage under the conditions existing there." It said the tabun-filled containers were all treated with decontamination solution and likely no longer contain any agent, but "the residue of this decontamination would contain cyanides, which would still be a hazard."

According to the report, Bunker 41 contained 2,000 empty 155-mm artillery shells contaminated with the chemical warfare agent mustard, 605 one-ton mustard containers with residues and heavily contaminated construction material.

## Bodies: Discovery of killings harken back to worst sectarian bloodletting

FROM FRONT PAGE

The bodies, all of them with gunshot wounds, were found in the predominantly Shiite village of Khamsisiya outside the city of Hillah, some 60 miles south of Baghdad, said military spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim. He said an investigation was underway to determine the identities of the dead as well as the circumstances of the killings.

The dead were all men between the ages of 25 and 40, and it appeared they had been killed a few days earlier and then dumped in the remote area, said a local police officer and a medical official. Most of the bodies had bullet wounds in either the head or the chest, they said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

While the motives remain unclear, such grisly killings harken back to the worst days of Iraq's sectarian bloodletting in 2006 and 2007. At that time, with a Sunni insurgency raging, Shiite militias and Sunni militant groups were notorious for slayings of members of the other sect, and bodies were frequently dumped along roadsides, in empty lots, ditches and canals.

As the levels of violence dropped over time, such discoveries became rare.

But sectarian tensions have soared once more, and authorities have once again begun to find unidentified bodies since the Sunni insurgency blitz began last month.

The area south of Hillah is predominantly Shiite, but there is a belt of Sunni-majority towns north of the city. On Wednesday, two car bombs exploded in a commercial area in the predominantly Shiite town of Mahaweel near Hillah, killing two people and wounding seven, police and hospital officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not



**'We can't stay silent over Irbil being a headquarters for Daesh, Baath, al-Qaida and the terrorists.'**

Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki

authorized to brief the media.

The militant surge is led by the Islamic State extremist group, but other Sunni insurgents have joined, feeding off the anger in their minority community against the Shiite-led government.

On the other side, Shiite militias have rallied around al-Maliki's government to fight back against the militant advance.

In the far north, meanwhile, Iraq's Kurds have taken advantage of the mayhem in the country to seize disputed territory — including the city of Kirkuk, a major oil center — and move closer to a long-held dream of their own state.

Kurdish fighters, known as peshmarga, say they want only to protect the areas from the Sunni militants. Many of the areas have significant Kurdish populations that the Kurds have demanded for years be incorporated into their territory, making them unlikely to give them up.

Last week, the president of the Kurdish self-rule area urged the region's lawmakers to "hurry up" and lay the groundwork for a referendum on independence.

These moves have infuriated al-Maliki, who is under pressure from opponents as well as former allies to step down.

Al-Maliki lashed out at the Kurds in his weekly televised statement Wednesday, saying "everything that has been changed on the ground must be returned" — a clear reference to the disputed territory that fighters loyal to the Kurdish regional government, which is based in the city of

Irbil, have taken.

He even went a step farther, saying, "We can't stay silent over Irbil being a headquarters for Daesh, Baath, al-Qaida and the terrorists." Daesh is the acronym in Arabic for the Islamic State, often used as a pejorative by its opponents, while the Baath was the party of former dictator Saddam Hussein.

Al-Maliki provided no evidence to back up his claims, which are sure to be rejected by Kurdish leaders in Irbil. Evidence on the ground also contradicts al-Maliki's allegations.

Kurdish peshmarga forces have clashed repeatedly with the Sunni militants led by the Islamic State in recent weeks. Tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians have fled to the Kurdish-controlled areas to escape the militant onslaught.

Kurdish officials reached by telephone declined to comment on al-Maliki's remarks.

Shiite-dominated Iran, a close ally of al-Maliki, has also been helping Iraq's military — help that is believed to include military advisers.

This week, an Iranian military adviser who was helping coordinate among Shiite militias was killed by a roadside bomb north of Baghdad, two Shiite militia commanders said Wednesday.

The officer was killed Sunday in Salahuddin province while helping organize Shiite militias in the defense of a revered Shiite shrine in the city of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad.

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# OPINION

## Battles over Mideast borders US didn't back

By DAVID IGNATIUS

**A**s American policymakers ponder the future shape of the Middle East, they should perhaps recall that the United States was opposed to the 1916 Sykes-Picot agreement, the famous "line in the sand" that is now said to be dissolving.

American's opposition back then was based on its rejection of the secret diplomacy between Britain and France that produced the plan to divide the Ottoman Empire after World War I. The U.S. opposed this neo-colonial carve-up of the region and called instead for the right to national self-determination.

The tragedy of America's role in the modern Middle East is that it became, without entirely understanding or realizing it, the protector of the very post-imperial order it once resisted. That story could fill a book, but for now, let's refresh our memories about the alternative American vision at the time when the Ottoman Empire collapsed.

President Woodrow Wilson enunciated his framework in his famous "Fourteen Points" in January 1918, nine months after America had entered World War I. Following the armistice in November 1918, Wilson's idealistic formula was a contentious centerpiece of debate at the Versailles peace conference. It was at once an inspiration to those who felt victimized by the old order and an annoyance to France and Britain.

Britain and France prevailed at Versailles, imposing a peace settlement so selfish and shortsighted that it all but guaranteed the rise of a revanchist Germany

leading to World War II, and the endless headaches of the modern Middle East. It was, as David Fromkin titled his great 1988 history, "A Peace to End All Peace." It's this very fabric that is now ripping apart, as civil wars in Syria and Iraq create de facto partitions of those countries. The question facing policymakers is whether to redraw the lines, or let the region devolve into smaller cantons, like the ethnically coalescent "vilayets" of Ottoman times.

My sense is that it's too early to judge whether the post-1919 boundaries are finished. After all, Lebanon was effectively partitioned during its 15-year civil war, but Lebanese national identity proved strong enough that its sovereignty was restored in the Taif Agreement of 1989. I'd guess that the Syrian national idea will survive over time, too. I'm not as sure about Iraq, but in any event, these are questions for the peoples of the region to decide, not outsiders.

What can Wilson's Fourteen Points teach us that's relevant to the current debate? It's the first five that have some bearing, and they're worth noting carefully because they set a framework for any re-examination of the Middle East map. Let's list them, with some notations:

(1) "Open covenants of peace, openly arrived at." This was Wilson's reaction to the cynical private deal-making of Sir Mark Sykes and Francois Georges-Picot, which appalled observers such as T.E. Lawrence. Lesson for today: Any new order in the region must have buy-in from the region itself, starting with regional kingspins Iran and Saudi Arabia.

(2) "Absolute freedom of navigation upon the seas, under complete and exclusive control of the world's leading maritime power, is en-

suring oil flow in the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf. But as American power recedes, will China embrace this open, rule-based maritime order?

(3) "The removal, so far as possible, of all economic barriers." The only hopeful vision of the region is one that begins with free trade, in which labor and capital flow across Israeli and Arab boundaries. This economically integrated Middle East could be astronomically profitable.

(4) "National armaments will be reduced to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety." The logic of a nuclear-weapons-free Middle East is becoming increasingly obvious, even to Israelis. Does Israel really benefit from a world in which Iran, Egypt and Saudi Arabia compete to match Israel's undeclared deterrent?

(5) "In determining ... questions of sovereignty, the interests of the populations concerned must have equal weight with the equitable claims of the government whose title is to be determined." The heart of the matter: One implausible Kurdish aspiration to nationhood don't trump Iraqi sovereignty, but they deserve equal weight.

Let us ponder, finally, the self-declared "Islamic State," which meets none of these Wilsonian conditions. Indeed, it is a textbook example of illegitimate state-making. The only positive aspect of the Islamic State is that the jihadists, by declaring their caliphate, have given their neighbors (and the world's counterterrorism forces) an address. Any state that makes itself a safe haven for terrorism becomes a target. In that sense, the Islamic State was born with a suicide pill in its mouth.

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## US aiding Kurdish independence creates an ally

By TIMOTHY WILLAM WATERS

**"T**his moment requires statesmanship." That was Secretary of State John Kerry — a man not known for irony — in a meeting in late June with Massoud Barzani, president of Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region. Appealing to Barzani's nonexistent Iraqi patriotism, Kerry asked for the Kurdistan leadership's help in fighting Islamic militants overrunning northern Iraq, and pleaded for Kurds to help form a new government in Baghdad rather than seek independence.

But what Kerry seems to have meant is, "This moment requires provincialism," because that is what the United States is asking the Kurds to renounce: a province of the Kurds. The Kurds aren't likely to listen — Barzani announced a referendum on independence — and the question now is: How should the U.S. respond? Washington has long insisted on Iraq's unity — "worship[ing] at the altar of a unified yet unnatural Iraqi state," as foreign policy analyst Leslie Gelber has written. But recognizing Kurdish independence would advance American interests and better reflect American values.

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Still, despite calls over the years to recognize Kurdish claims, there have long been hard-nosed, geopolitical objections. But those concerns always rested on a brittle reading of realism and have now vanished.

meltdown, the neighbors are having second thoughts. Turkey long opposed the independence, fearing radicalization of its large Kurdish population. Officially, Turkey still opposes independence, but its response has been complex and muted because Turkey has close ties with Kurdistan and sees it as a stabilizing hedge against Islamicocracy and against Iraq's Shiite-led government.

Iran has its own Kurds but also an ambiguous attitude. It is likely to have considerable influence in an independent Kurdistan and is equally eager to stop the Sunni militants of the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and Iraq's Shiite-led government.

Then there was fear that independence would destabilize Iraq. Reading the news, that hardly seems like a compelling argument anymore. Of course, things could get worse. Some argue that partition would provoke even more bloodshed. ... But while partition is a real Iraq, Iraq itself has become a maelstrom, Kurdistan in effect has already separated from Baghdad.

Independence carries risks, but there are no options that don't. Objecting to recognition because of the risk ignores the rising tide of bloodshed that our present policy in Iraq and Syria entails. It is like objecting to the dangerous qualities of the only exit before one hurtles off a cliff.

But the most compelling argument is the realist one. Kurdish independence is happening and we don't have good alternatives, so we might as well harness it to our political goals. We might as well let the Kurds be defeated. But neither 300 military advisers nor drones nor bombing are going to turn the tide or hold the ground. The Kurdish peshmarga is the only fighting force in Iraq able to resist and roll back the militants.

But the Kurds don't have any incentive to carry the fight to the Islamic State. They have been beneficiaries of its success

in Iraq, which has allowed them to consolidate their economy and seize oil-rich Kirkuk. If the U.S. wants the Kurds' aid, we will need to give them something.

So what kind of deal is Washington offering? Help defeat the Islamic State and, in exchange, please forgo independence and join a new government for the dysfunctional country you want to escape. Not a particularly attractive offer.

Kurds see their moment for exit, and they are unwilling to commit lives and treasure to maintain an Iraqi state to which they feel only the heavy bonds of painful, past entanglements. Americans should understand that the Kurds are something the Kurds do very much want: recognition. So America should be telling the Kurds: If you help defeat the militants in the rest of Iraq, we will recognize your independence.

We shouldn't take countries apart for pleasure, but neither should we insist on maintaining a fragile federal union of people living in it. The Kurds have long since lost faith in Iraq and are rapidly consolidating their independence. We can resist that — scrambling to cobble together yet another dysfunctional coalition, concocting a new fragile federal union, or accept the Kurds' desire and align it with our interests and our values. The original promise of a Kurdish state, nearly a century ago, was an expression of America's commitment to self-determination for peoples longing to be free.

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## OPINION

## Bad analysis of ruling fueled liberals' fury

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Liberals should spend less time lauding the dissents in last week's Hobby Lobby decision by the U.S. Supreme Court and more time reading them. If they did, they'd notice that some of their main arguments find little support—even from liberal justices.

The Obama administration has sought to require almost all employers that offer health insurance to cover contraceptives. The court's majority ruled that Hobby Lobby and similar companies could refuse to cover contraceptives to which they have religious objections.

Many liberals say that this ruling was flawed because the Religious Freedom Restoration Act—the 1993 law the case turned on—doesn't protect for-profit corporations. Yet only two of the justices took that view; the other two dissenters refused to endorse it.

And not one of the justices chose to question the relevant beliefs of Hobby Lobby's owners: that the contraceptives to which they object can cause human embryos to die.

Unlike many liberal commentators, all the justices grasped that whether the owners' objection has a strong evidentiary basis—which it does—is irrelevant to their legal claim. A government that respects religious liberty doesn't subject religious claims to such scrutiny. When the Volstead Act exempted communion wine from Prohibition, lawmakers didn't inquire about whether it really became the blood of Jesus.

And the dissenters would also keep people from misunderstanding the court's subsequent ruling on Wheaton College, which has led to a similar liberal freak-out. The school wasn't subject to the same contraceptive mandate as Hobby Lobby. Instead, it qualified for what the White House calls an "accommodation": It would

merely have to sign a form authorizing others to provide the contraceptive coverage.

The evangelical school's representatives objected, saying that signing the form would itself violate their religious beliefs. On Thursday, the court said that Wheaton didn't have to sign the form until its case had been heard in court.

Three of the dissenting justices—Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor—accused the majority of going back on its word. Supposedly the majority had blessed the accommodation in the Hobby Lobby case and was now showing "disregard" for its own new precedent.

Liberal commentators went nuts. Kevin Drum at Mother Jones said the court's behavior was "shameful" because "the obvious implication" of the Hobby Lobby case was that the accommodation was OK. Dahlia Lithwick and Sonja West, writing in Slate, attacked the court for declaring the accommodation "unconstitutional."

The court did no such thing. It didn't even declare the accommodation illegal. It lifted the requirement temporarily while litigation proceeds. That it did so should be no surprise. The majority opinion in the Hobby Lobby case specifically declared that it wasn't deciding whether the accommodation was legal, noting that other lawsuits on that issue were before the court and that another organization, Little Sisters of the Poor, had been told it didn't have to sign the form until these lawsuits are settled.

All of the dissenting justices were aware of that fact. They criticized the majority opinion for being "noncommittal" instead of enjoining the accommodation. The confusion in the commentariat arises because of a misreading of the majority's analysis.

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act says that when the government imposes a substantial burden on the exercise of religion, it has to show that it has used the least burdensome means possible. The



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A demonstrator outside the Supreme Court indicates that she opposes Hobby Lobby's position on June 30, the day the court decided the case in favor of Hobby Lobby.

majority relied on the administration's account that the accommodation is less burdensome than the full-blown mandate, and it said the mandate was therefore illegal. That didn't mean that the accommodation itself passed legal muster. The court wasn't saying that the accommodation is the right way to promote the government's coverage goals while respecting religious freedom.

It was saying that its existence shows that the mandate can't be the right way.

To review: The court majority, in the Hobby Lobby case, declined to rule on whether the accommodation is compatible with the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and put off consideration of that issue for another case. In its Wheaton order, it again declined to rule on the legality of the accommodation while it awaits a full

review. There is no inconsistency, no "re-treat" (as Ginsburg, Kagan and Sotomayor put it).

The three justices who dissented on Wheaton, on the other hand, have gone in a few days from complaining that the majority hadn't blessed the accommodation to complaining that they had taken back their blessing.

The language they use seems designed to fool glibulle or ignorant commentators. Drum condemned the "PR games" at the Supreme Court. He's right about that; he just has the wrong justices in mind.

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## With aging parents, a move for safety can still hurt

BY AMY GOLDMAN KOSS

The first signs of my parents' slip-page was puzzling. How did they keep missing lunch dates and doctor's appointments? Why did they unload the dishwasher before running it? How could they forget how to check their email or set their clock? My brother and I just hoped they'd snap out of it and go back to being the people they'd always been. It wasn't until my dad screwed up his medications so badly that he landed in the hospital that we understood that this forgetfulness wasn't just weird. It was dangerous.

People have been growing old and dim forever, so we figured there must be experts to guide us. We asked around and learned that the person we wanted was called a geriatric social worker in elder care management. We made an appointment with one. My brother and I felt instant relief. A professional was coming to the rescue!

Our hero talked slowly for someone charging \$100 an hour. Mostly, she said things like, "These times of transition can be very difficult for people going through these difficult transitional times." But we were so desperate to believe in her that we didn't ditch her until she'd slow-talked her bill up to \$633.64.

But then she'd persuaded us to hire bonded, CPR-certified, background-checked,

drug-tested home caregivers at \$25 an hour, payable to her company. She wouldn't say how much of that money the caregivers got. She was sure my folks needed 24/7 care (for the math-checking, that's \$600 a day, \$4,200 a week, \$18,200 a month) and she thought we were negligent for starting with only four hours a day.

Meanwhile, my parents struggled to understand what had hit them. As they saw it, they were doing just fine until I swooped in and started bossing them around, talking to their doctors, asking a mountain out of a few cuts and falls.

Because they couldn't remember what they'd forgotten, they didn't recognize that anything had changed. It was heartbreaking and infuriating, seeing them struggle with concepts and tasks that were once simple and automatic. They didn't get why I was suddenly snatching away the car keys, doing out their meds, pestering them about the date and the president's name.

And who was that strange woman sitting at the kitchen table, asking if they needed help with anything? Help with what?

The caregiver's presence so unnerved my mom and dad that we started touring senior communities in search of assisted-living options. Some places only provided five meals a week, leaving the residents to fend for themselves for the rest. But my mom in the kitchen with knives and boiling water, with her Parkinson's tremor and

failing sight, was among the horrors we were trying to avoid.

Some facilities were so huge that the trek from apartment to dining room was beyond my dad's knees and stamina. The lobby of the most expensive one looked like a fancy deserted cruise ship about to set sail for the hereafter.

My parents couldn't keep the places straight, but several of their friends knew exactly where my folks belonged and were eager to share their insights. But their certainty was in inverse proportion to their knowledge of my parents' needs and situation. I held my tongue about what I thought they should do with their unsolicited advice.

Eventually, we settled on a place that had several pianos, an aviary near the front entrance and an aquarium at the nurses station. When we visited, my parents ran into people they knew.

Next began the process of wrenching my parents from their home.

Mom: "Let's just leave the off-season clothes in the closet."

Me: "We can't, Ma. We won't have access to that closet after you move."

Mom: "Oh."

To call it nightmarish is to imply that it was possible to escape by waking. But that was not the case.

Dad (on endlessly repeating loop): "Why do we have to move to that place?"

Me: "Because it's not safe for you here anymore. I'm afraid that Ma is going to take a header down the basement stairs or you're going to mix up your drugs and land back in the hospital, or worse."

"Oh." Condensing their sprawling suburban home into a two-room apartment meant countless decisions.

Me: "Which couch do you want to take?" Mom: "The living room couch."

Dad: "The one in the den."

Eventually the movers came. My parents walked out their door for the last time.

Their cardiologist had backed me up. He told them they'd live like kings with people waiting on them, preparing their meals, doing their laundry. "All you have to do is stroll in the gardens and relax." But my dad refers to the new place as a prison, their sunny apartment as "the hovel," the helpful staff as "the guards." He says he doesn't remember a trial.

My mom says: "We know you just want us to be happy here, and maybe we will be someday. ... (Sigh.) We're trying."

For comfort, I recall the sage words of our expert: "These times of transition can be very difficult for people going through these difficult transitional times."

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## WORLD

## US and China vow to improve cooperation

The Associated Press

BEIJING — The United States and China vowed Wednesday to improve their economic and security cooperation, saying they wouldn't let persistent differences over maritime claims, cyber-hacking and currency hamper a relationship critical to global peace and prosperity.

Opening this year's "Strategic and Economic Dialogue," Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed the need to avoid confrontation between nations accounting for a quarter of the world's people and a third of the global economy.

His theme was largely echoed by Secretary of State John Kerry and Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, leaders of an American delegation that also included Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen and three other Cabinet members.

Nevertheless, the next two days are a test of whether the annual high-level talks can produce

tough compromises or just serve as a venue to talk about greater cooperation. Washington hopes to secure closer coordination with China against climate change, an end to Chinese industrial cyberespionage against American companies and stricter rules governing territorial claims in Asia's contested, resource-rich seas.

Xi made clear China wouldn't be pushed around.

"The vast Pacific Ocean has ample space to accommodate our two great nations," he said through an interpreter.

In Beijing, in the Diaoyutai guest house where former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's secret talks in the 1970s laid the groundwork for today's relationship, Kerry emphasized "a new model is not defined in words."

"It is defined in actions," Kerry said. "The new model will be defined by the choices we can make together."



DAN BALUY/AP

An Iron Dome air defense system fires to intercept a rocket from the Hamas-run Gaza Strip in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Wednesday.

## Israel hits Hamas targets

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel stepped up its offensive on the Hamas-run Gaza Strip on Wednesday, pummeling scores of targets and killing at least 14 people as Israeli leaders signaled a weeklong ground invasion could be quickly approaching.

The military said it struck about 200 Hamas targets on the second day of its offensive, which it says is needed to end incessant rocket attacks out of Gaza. Militants, however, continued to fire rocket salvos deep into Israeli territory, and Israel mobilized thousands of forces along the Gaza border ahead of a possible ground operation.

"The army is ready for all possibilities," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said after holding a meeting of his Security Cabinet. "Hamas will pay a heavy price for firing toward Israeli citizens. The security of Israel's citizens comes first. The operation will expand and continue until the fire toward our towns stops and quiet returns."

The fighting stepped up as Egypt, which often serves as a mediator between Israel and the Palestinians, said it was in contact with both sides to end the violence. It was the first indication since the offensive was launched Tuesday that cease-fire efforts might be underway.

The offensive has set off the heaviest fighting between Israel and the Islamic militant group Hamas since an eight-day battle in November 2012. Israel says its aim is to quash Hamas' militant capabilities and to quell rocket fire.

Israeli leaders warned a ground invasion could be imminent.

"Despite the fact it will be hard, complicated and costly, we will have to take over Gaza temporarily, for a few weeks, to cut off the strengthening of this terror army," Yuval Steinitz, Israel's intelligence minister, told Israel Radio. "If you ask my humble opinion, a significant operation like this is approaching."



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Somali soldiers stand near the wreckage of a car bomb that was detonated by Islamic extremist group al-Shabab at the main gate of the presidential palace in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Wednesday.

## Somali police, intel chiefs fired after militant attack

The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Somalia's government fired the police and intelligence chiefs a day after Islamic militants attacked the heavily guarded presidential palace in the capital, Mogadishu, the information minister announced Wednesday.

Government troops and African Union peacekeepers repelled the attack and no government officials were hurt, Mustafa Dhuulow said. Three of the four attackers were shot dead by soldiers after they forced their way into the presidential palace late Tuesday, sparking an exchange of gunfire, he said. The fourth militant was wounded.

Dhuulow told reporters Wednesday that police commander Abdihakim Said and intelligence chief Bashir Gobe were replaced immediately.

A new minister for national security was also appointed in changes announced by Prime

Minister Abdiweli Sheikh Ahmed, who was inside the palace when the attack happened. Dhuulow said the government would implement sweeping new security measures to prevent such attacks.

The presidential compound — known also as Villa Somalia — houses several government offices and is considered one of the safest places in Mogadishu because of the tight security presence. However, it has been attacked many times by al-Qaida-linked militants over the years.

The Islamic extremist group al-Shabab has vowed to step up attacks during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and claimed responsibility for the attack.

Somalia's government has not given details about how the attack was carried out, but some security officials said the four militants managed to infiltrate Villa Somalia by dressing as government troops.

## Typhoon knocks out power on Okinawa

By MATTHEW M. BURKE

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Typhoon Neoguri bore down on mainland Japan on Wednesday after drenching the country's southern islands with the heaviest rainfall in 10 years.

The storm felled tree limbs and caused significant power outages, flooding and an unknown number of injuries on Okinawa, according to U.S. military officials, who were still compiling damage reports for each base on the island.

On Tuesday afternoon, the typhoon battered the island, where about 30,000 U.S. troops are stationed, with heavy rain and wind gusts of up to 90 to 100 mph. More than 17 inches of rain drenched northern Okinawa, while the south got 15 inches.

Neoguri weakened as it moved north toward Kyushu and Sasebo Naval Base, which is expected to experience high winds, scattered thunderstorms and rain through Thursday. The storm was expected to still pack a punch while moving over land toward Tokyo and U.S. bases in the Kanto Plain on Friday.

Navy Seabee Chief Dan Clowser, camp maintenance officer for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, said the biggest issues he had seen were trees, branches and debris, which littered Camp Shields and damaged barbed-wire perimeter fencing.

High winds also knocked down street lights on some U.S. installations, and videos of overturned cars were on Facebook. Power outages were reported from the Chibana Housing area to Camp Foster Tower, the Camp Courtney housing area and Navy lodging.

Officials from Kadena Air Base reported through social media that some people were injured when they went outside during the height of the storm against orders, forcing emergency personnel to respond.

Marine officials said there were no injuries and no calls to emergency personnel from their installations. Damage was described as minor.

Off base, the outlook was more grim. Two men were seriously injured and another 26 suffered minor injuries during the storm, according to Okinawa prefecture's crisis management office. Landslides were reported at 35 locations, and 75,000 people were without power, officials said.

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Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 sailors return to work Wednesday on Camp Shields a day after Typhoon Neoguri hit Okinawa.

## WORLD

# Germans eye 2nd spy case

By FRANK JORDANS  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — German authorities are investigating a second spy case reportedly involving the U.S., a week after the arrest of a German intelligence employee cast a new shadow over relations between the two countries.

Federal prosecutors said Wednesday that police raided properties in the Berlin area on "initial suspicion of activity for an intelligence agency." They did not elaborate or specify what intelligence agency was involved, but said they had not made an arrest.

"We have investigations in two cases of suspected espionage, a very serious suspicion," government spokesman Steffen Seibert told reporters in Berlin. He declined to provide further details, citing the ongoing investigations.

The daily *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* reported that the man being investigated worked at Germany's Defense Ministry and is suspected of spying for the United States. The *Welt* newspaper reported, also without naming sources, the man was a soldier in the German army who had aroused the suspicion of Germany's military counterintelligence agency because of his close contacts to alleged U.S. spies.

Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Col. Uwe Ross said the case fell "into the ministry's area of responsibility" and that Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen had been informed.

Last week, a 31-year-old German intelligence employee was arrested on suspicion of spying for foreign powers since 2012. German media have reported that he spied for the United States and came to authorities' attention when he recently offered his services to Russian officials in Germany by email.



DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/AP

A Victoriano del Rio ranch fighting bull moves to toss a reveler during the running of the bulls of the San Fermin festival, in Pamplona, Spain, on Wednesday.

## American author gored at bull run

By ALVARO BARRIENTOS AND CIARAN GILES  
The Associated Press

PAMPLONA, Spain — An American who co-authored the book "Fiesta: How to Survive the Bulls of Pamplona" became one of their victims Wednesday when he was one of two men gored at the festival.

Bill Hillmann, 32, from Chicago and a longtime participant in the nine-day Pamplona street party, was gored twice in the right thigh during one of the daily bull runs, organizers said on their website.

The injury was serious but not life-threatening, the Navarra regional government said in a statement.

A 35-year-old male Spaniard from Valencia was also in serious condition after being gored in the chest during the same run on the festival's third day, the statement said. He was not named.

Tension spiked when the bull became separated from the pack in the final stretch. British writer Alexander Fiske-Harrison, one of Hillmann's co-authors of the Pamplona book and a fellow runner Wednesday, said on his blog that the bull turned back and charged at runners.

Hillmann's wife Enid was at the hospital with her husband, Fiske-Harrison said.

Three other Spaniards who fell during the run were being treated in Pamplona hospitals for their injuries.

Several thousand people took part in the nation-



M.J. ARRANZ/AP

American journalist and author Bill Hillmann is carried on a stretcher after being gored on his right leg by a bull during the running of the bulls on Wednesday.

ally televised 8 a.m. run.

Fifteen people have died from gorings since record-keeping began in 1924. Dozens of people are injured each year in the runs, most of them in falls.

The bulls are invariably killed in afternoon bullfights.

## Lawyer: Snowden asks to extend stay in Russia

MOSCOW — Former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden has applied to extend his stay in Russia, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Anatoly Kucherena told The Associated Press that Snowden applied to Russia's migration authorities "a long time ago" since his one-year permit is expiring at the end of July.

Kucherena refused to say what kind of migration status his client is seeking, saying that it is up to the Federal Migration Service to make the decision.

## Michigan man linked to Nazi police dies at 93

DETROIT — A man under a deportation order for serving in a Nazi-controlled police force during World War II has died in Michigan at age 93.

John Kalymon died at his suburban Detroit home on June 29. His son, Alex Kalymon, said he had pneumonia, prostate cancer and dementia.

The U.S. government wanted to deport Kalymon but no country would take him. There is no dispute that he served in the Nazi-sponsored Ukrainian Auxiliary Police in Lviv, which once was part of Poland.

But Kalymon repeatedly denied allegations that he shot at Jews. He said he did nothing more than light guard duty.

German prosecutors issued an arrest warrant this year for Kalymon for war crimes, but the case stalled because of his poor health.

## North Korea again fires missiles into sea

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea launched two short-range ballistic missiles Wednesday morning into the sea off its east coast, a South Korean defense official said, in a continuation of a recent series of missile and rocket test launches.

The missiles, presumed to be Scud-series missiles, were fired from the southwest Hwanghae province and flew across the country before landing in the ocean, the official said requesting anonymity citing department rules. The missiles have a range of 310 miles, he said.

## Iran seeks to expand uranium enrichment

VIENNA — Iran said Wednesday it wants to greatly expand its uranium enrichment program despite Western fears that it could be used to make atomic arms.

The position outlined by Iranian nuclear agency head Ali Akbar Salehi appeared to be the most detailed yet of what Tehran wants at its closed-door negotiations with six world powers. It also highlighted the huge obstacles in the way of an agreement by a July 20 target date, since the world powers want Iran to reduce its enrichment program.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Marziyeh Afkham said "substantial differences" remained.

From The Associated Press

## Syrian rebels storm Sunni village, killing 14

By BARBARA SUK  
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian rebels rampaged through a Sunni village in the central province of Hama Wednesday, firing indiscriminately at civilians and killing 14 people, including seven women, state media and opposition activists said.

State news agency SANA said an "armed terrorist group" was behind the dawn attack on the village of Khatab, located 6 miles northwest of the provincial capital. SANA and Syrian state TV said 14 people were killed.

Syrian Minister of Justice Najm al-Ahmad called the attack

in Khatab "a terrorist crime" and ordered a judicial inquiry.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported the attack, saying the rebels accused the village's Sunni Muslim inhabitants of "cooperating with the criminal regime" in Damascus. The group documents the violence in Syria through an extensive network of activists on the ground.

Sunni Muslims dominate rebel ranks and the opposition, fighting to topple President Bashar Assad's government that is predominantly made up of Alawites, a sect in Shiite Islam.

Militants from the Islamic State

group have in the past weeks captured much of eastern Syria and merged it with captured areas in neighboring Iraq — declaring a self-styled caliphate, governed by Islamic law, in the territory.

After seizing a corridor of land in the east, the group began this week advancing across northern Syria, nearing the Turkish border. On Wednesday, its fighters captured three Kurdish villages in the north after Kurdish fighters withdrew from them, the Observatory said. The report could not be independently confirmed.

Also Wednesday, members of Syria's main Western-backed opposition bloc elected a new

president, the Syrian National Coalition said in a statement.

The new head of the exiled opposition, Hadi Bahra, served as chief negotiator at the failed peace talks with the Assad government in February in Geneva. Bahra succeeds Ahmed al-Jarba, who has already served two six-month terms — the maximum period allowed by the coalition.

The exiled opposition block hardly has any backing from people inside Syria. It only nominally controls nationalist-minded rebels that in many parts of the country have been overrun by Islamic extremist groups, including the Islamic State group.

## WORLD



PHOTOS BY RAZAN ALZAYANI/AP

A woman sells Burqas at Souq Waqif in Doha, Qatar, on June 2. A number of Qatari women are aiming to raise awareness with a campaign called "Reflect Your Respect" that promotes modest clothing in the country.

# Qatar women launch modesty campaign

## Revealing dress of foreigners raises concern

By AYA BATRAWY  
The Associated Press

**M**ariam Saleh avoids malls and outdoor markets on the weekends because the low-cut tops, sheer dresses and miniskirts that foreign women wear reveal much more than she would like her impressionable young children to see.

Saleh is part of a campaign in Qatar that was spurred by locals who are fed up with the way many tourists and visitors dress, especially as temperatures soar in the Gulf Arab nation. The campaigners say Qatar is, after all, their country, and they should not be the ones feeling uncomfortable because visitors want to show some skin or dress like they would back home.

The campaign is aimed at encouraging foreign women to dress more conservatively. However, it is not spearheaded by religious hard-liners, but by moderate locals who are concerned that a steady influx of foreigners is threatening to uproot their customs and traditions, which are intertwined with 1,400 years of Islam on the Arabian Peninsula.

The campaigners say they are mothers and wives, but also gatekeepers of Qatar's Islamic society. Most Qatari women cover their hair and wear long, loose black robes. Many also cover their faces as is common in neighboring Saudi Arabia, where morality police enforce the region's strictest dress code on locals and foreigners alike.

The government, which allows alcohol in hotels to accommodate foreigners, is not involved in the campaign, which is being funded by volunteers, as well as a women's business club in Qatar. The campaign-

ers say it is a grass-roots effort aimed at spreading information to foreigners rather than pressing for new laws or reforms. Political activism of any kind is heavily restricted by Qatar's ruling monarchy.

Similar efforts to curb Westernization are underway in other Gulf countries. In Kuwait, a lawmaker is calling for a ban on public "nudity" — a reference to bikinis on the beach and at hotel poolsides. In Bahrain, lawmakers frequently call for banning alcohol in hotels, and in the United Arab Emirates, locals launched a similar dress code campaign in 2012.

While some malls in the UAE ticketed women for showing shoulders and knees, the government did not move to create any specific laws against immodest dress. Qatar's pro-Western government, which benefits from tourism and foreign investment, is also not expected to enact any such laws.

### Stunning transformation

The tiny nation is home to the world's third-largest gas reserves. A rush of petrodollars transformed its capital in just a few decades from a coastal fishing town into a center for global investment. The speed of the transformation has stunned Qatar's conservative, tight-knit population.

Qataris currently make up less than 10 percent of the country's 2.1 million people, with most of the population comprising Asian, African and Middle Eastern guest workers, as well as Western expatriates living in the country temporarily.

Like other Gulf states, Qatar relies on millions of foreigners to provide everything from the muscle to build high-rises to world-class experts to lead mega-projects.



Aman notices a foreign woman at Souq Waqif in Doha, Qatar. Qatari women have started a campaign encouraging foreign women to dress more conservatively.

It is preparing to host the soccer World Cup, in 2022.

Four years ago, concerned citizens launched a campaign called "One of Us" to encourage foreign women to cover from their shoulders to their knees, but the campaign had little impact on visitors who felt out of touch with Qatari society.

This time around the theme is "Reflect Your Respect." The fliers that will be passed out have one central plea: "Help us preserve Qatar's culture and values." "We're not telling you not to dress up. Get dressed up, but with respect, with modesty," businesswoman Suhaila al-

Harab, a supporter of the campaign, said. "I'm coming to a conservative country. I have to respect the culture of this society. This is a sensitive society and one has to be considerate of this point."

Speaking from her home in Doha, al-Harab said her boys are inundated with Western movies, music and fashion trends. She said Qatar is used to foreigners and is ready to welcome people from around the world for the World Cup, but she is urging visitors to be open to learning and embracing new ideas.

### 'When in Rome ...'

British tourist Roger Maynard recently visited Doha's old souk, or market, with his Spanish wife, who wore a sleeveless dress that came down to her knees. He said they were being careful not to dress inappropriately.

"I think when in Rome, you should behave like the Romans, and I think you should be conscious of the local culture, and I think it's quite reasonable," he said of the campaign's request.

"That doesn't mean to say I agree with the culture or particularly the way women are, in a sense, discriminated against. But nonetheless, you come to visit a country, you should accept the culture of that country."

Among Qatari men and women, conservative dress is seen as a way of deterring premarital sex and adultery, as well as treating women with respect. Islamic teachings hold that most or all of a woman's body should be concealed from people outside her immediate family.

"The Earth has an outer sphere, an atmosphere, to cover and protect it. The egg has its shell. Everything has something that protects it," Saleh said. "We feel that a woman is like a pearl. She has to have a shell to grow and flourish."



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man charged with attacking TV reporter

**WV** CHARLESTON — A central West Virginia man is accused of attacking a Charleston television reporter with a camera tripod.

State police said Howard Jeffery Lilly, 54, of Glen, is charged with felony destruction of property, grand larceny and malicious wounding.

WCHS-TV reporter Bob Aaron told media outlets that he had set up his camera and tripod on a public road when the incident occurred Monday. He said he was checking on a tip about neglected animals. Aaron, 67, suffered a deep tissue bruise to his left leg and a lacerated finger.

Lilly was being held at the Central Regional Jail on \$5,000 bond.

## Red Bull spills onto I-95 after truck crash

**FL** ROCKLEDGE — Thousands of gallons of Red Bull spilled onto Interstate 95 in central Florida after two tractor-trailers collided.

The Florida Highway Patrol said the crash happened Monday evening near Rockledge.

Troopers said the truck hauling more than 30,000 pounds of Red Bull was heading north when the driver tried to move over to the center lane because another truck was disabled on the shoulder of the road. When the driver swerved back into the outside lane, his truck sideswiped the parked vehicle.

The trailer on the first truck ripped open and the energy drink spilled onto the road.

## Lawmakers may join 'OINK' vanity plate row

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — A fuss over a police officer's vanity plate has blown up into a constitutional debate that could lead to the Indiana General Assembly deciding whether to rewrite the law or stop selling personalized license plates altogether.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles said it filed a notice of appeal Monday asking the state Supreme Court to overrule a local judge who said the agency violated the officer's freedom of speech when it revoked his license plate that read "OINK."

Drivers haven't been able to buy vanity plates in Indiana since July 2013, when Greenfield Police Officer Rodney Vawter sued the BMV, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana.

BMV Commissioner Donald M. Smeis told The Associated Press that if the Indiana Supreme Court agrees to take up the issue, it may direct lawmakers to rewrite the law. That could lead to the removal of the right to have vanity plates for all Indiana drivers.

**NY** NEW YORK — A man convicted of raping his former stepdaughter in an at-



PHOTOS BY MINDY SCHAUER, THE ORANGE COUNTY (CALIF.) REGISTER/AP

## The big waves boogie

Boogie boarders enjoy the big waves at The Wedge at Newport Beach, Calif.

tack she disclosed years later in a college application essay was sentenced Monday to 18 years in prison.

The balding man, who is 63 and has a bushy gray beard, came into the Brooklyn courtroom carrying a Bible. He swayed lightly on his feet as he heard his sentence.

The Associated Press is withholding the man's name because disclosing it could identify his accuser. The AP generally does not identify victims of sexual assault unless they come forward publicly.

The man repeatedly raped his then-stepdaughter in 2003, according to a court complaint. She was only 8 years old at the time and kept the abuse secret from her family for nearly a decade until penning an essay to apply to a Florida religious college, prosecutors said. She'd been asked to

write about what made her who she is.

## Woman's car stolen as she donated clothes

**NJ** LINDEN — Authorities said a man drove off in a woman's car while she and her mother dropped off used clothing at a charity collection bin in northern New Jersey.

Linden police told mycentraljersey.com that the theft occurred around 12:20 p.m. Friday at a shopping center in the Union County community.

The two women had left the car running while they unloaded bags of clothes from the trunk. The man got in the car and drove off, then stopped briefly to close the trunk before leaving the area.

The younger woman reported

that her purse and cellphone were in the vehicle.

## Man hit by stray bullet during temple opening

**NC** CHARLOTTE — A stray bullet struck and injured a man selling food at the opening of a Cambodian Buddhist temple in Charlotte over the weekend, and police said it appears to have come from celebratory Fourth of July gunfire.

Brandon Yam, 47, was hit on the top of the head, paralyzing him, on Independence Day as the festival at the temple ended, according to The Charlotte Observer.

Yam had started packing his food and drinks when he was struck, family members told the newspaper.

Police spokeswoman Jessica

## THE CENSUS

**\$2K** The value of soap and other personal care items stolen from a CVS

pharmacy in Sandy Springs, Ga., by three men on July 1. Authorities said the men were filmed by surveillance cameras as they carried out the heist. Sandy Springs police Sgt.

Ron Momon told WSB-TV that the suspects walked into the store and casually grabbed the items, then walked out of the store past cashiers. Police said they want to catch up with the men to find out why they took the products.



Wallin said it doesn't appear Yam was targeted. Investigators think he was hit by someone firing a celebratory shot into the air, she said. No charges had been filed by Tuesday.

The bullet was still in his head as doctors waited for the swelling to subside, his sister, Chenda Yam Wilson, said.

## Vials of smallpox found in facility storage room

**GA** ATLANTA — U.S. government workers cleaning out an old storage room at a research center near Washington last week discovered decades-old vials of smallpox packed away and forgotten in a cardboard box.

The six glass vials of freeze-dried virus were intact and sealed with melted glass, and the virus might have been dead, officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday.

The find was disturbing because for decades after the lethal disease was declared eradicated in 1980, world health authorities believed the only samples of smallpox left were safely stored in super-secure laboratories in Atlanta and in Russia.

The samples were found in a building at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland that has been used by the Food and Drug Administration since 1972.

## Man impersonating a deputy takes test drive

**OR** SALEM — Authorities arrested a Salem man accused of impersonating a sheriff's deputy while taking an SUV for a test drive.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office said Anthony McGuire, 39, told employees at a car lot that he was a deputy before taking a black Chevrolet Tahoe for a spin on Saturday. Shortly into the test drive, McGuire rolled down his window and yelled at a motorcyclist to pull over. The motorcyclist obeyed and McGuire told him that he was stopping him for speeding.

The sheriff's office said McGuire had no badge or identification, and his actions caused the motorcyclist and two employees who had gone along for the test drive to become suspicious.

From wire reports

## FACES



**“I have no idea what the game is like. I hope it's creepy and suspenseful and engaging in a way that other games are not — an experience.”**

**Sigourney Weaver**  
on the game “Alien: Isolation”

SEA/AP

The video game “Alien: Isolation” features the character Ellen Ripley, voiced by Sigourney Weaver, who portrayed Ripley in the Alien film franchise. “Alien: Isolation” is set after the events of the 1979 film.

## Weaver and cast reprise ‘Alien’ roles in new game

BY DERRIK J. LANG  
The Associated Press

**S**igourney Weaver and the cast of “Alien” are virtually returning to the starship Nostromo.

The actress who portrayed unflappable officer Ellen Ripley in the Alien film franchise is reprising her role in “Alien: Isolation,” an upcoming video game set after the events of the original 1979 film. Weaver, who recorded new dialogue for the game, says she picked up right where she left off as tough-as-nails Ripley in filmmaker Ridley Scott’s sci-fi horror masterpiece.

“It was eerie how quickly it happened,” Weaver told The Associated Press during a recent interview. “Honestly, I had to start with this sort of sign-off. This is Lieutenant Ripley of the starship Nostromo. You know, that paragraph. I felt like no time had passed. It was really strange, actually. If anything, it was more affecting to me to read it again 35 years later.”

The bonus “Crew Expendable” and “Last Survivor” levels, which will be available to those who pre-order the game, will allow players to portray Nostromo crew members Ripley, Dallas (Tom Skerritt) or Parker (Yaphet Kotto) as they explore the doomed ship and coordinate their efforts with Lambert (Veronica Cartwright) and Ash (Ian Holm) to lure the menacing alien into the airlock.

“We always hoped that somewhere down the line while working on this game that this reunion would happen,” said Alistair Hope, the game’s creative lead. “From working with Sigourney on the recordings, I really got a sense of how important this character is to her. The way that she worked on the lines and improvised unquestionably made them significantly better.”

The central story of “Isolation” centers on Ripley’s daughter Amanda, who was briefly mentioned in a scene from the 1986 sequel “Aliens.” In the game, created by British developer Creative Assembly, Amanda travels to a remote space station to find the Nostromo’s flight recorder and encounters a creature similar to the one that terrorized her mother.

“I feel like they followed through,” Weaver said of the game’s plot. “Emotionally, what would Amanda want? She’d want to find her mother. She’s drawn to the same line of work. There are a lot of things that were arresting to me. I have no idea what the game is like. I hope it’s creepy and suspenseful and engaging in a way that other games are not — an experience.”

“Isolation” follows a long line of games based on the “Alien” franchise, but it’s the only title that Weaver has signed on to participate in and marks the first time she’s reprised the part since 1997’s “Alien Resurrection,” the fourth film in the series.

## Newspaper says sorry after Clooney slams story

The Associated Press

Britain’s Daily Mail newspaper apologized to George Clooney on Wednesday for alleging his fiancée’s mother opposed the marriage on religious grounds — a story Clooney called both wrong and irresponsible.

Clooney is engaged to Beirut-born London lawyer Amal Alamuddin, whose father Ramzi

belongs to a prominent Druse family. The Druse are adherents of a monotheistic religion based mainly in Lebanon, Syria and Israel.

Citing unnamed family “friends,” the newspaper’s MailOnline website reported this week that her mother, Baria Alamuddin, wanted her 36-year-old daughter to marry a Druse man. It said Amal Alamuddin

risked being “cast out of the community” if she wed Clooney, and claimed several women had been murdered for not abiding by strict Druse rules.

Clooney called the story “completely fabricated.”

In a statement issued to USA Today, he said Baria Alamuddin — a well-known journalist — was not Druse and “is in no way against the marriage.”

## Local feud scuttles Brooks’ Dublin shows

The Associated Press

Like an ill-fated romance in a country song, Garth Brooks and Dublin just weren’t meant to be.

Five Irish concerts by the country music star were called off on Tuesday after a battle between venue owners and local residents that became a national furor.

More than 400,000 tickets had been sold for the gigs, due to start at Croke Park stadium on July 25. The stint had been billed as a comeback special for the 52-year-old superstar after more than a decade of semi-retirement.

Brooks was originally scheduled to play two shows, and when the number of performances was increased to cope with demand, some nearby residents complained.

Dublin City Council last week refused to grant permission for five shows, saying they would cause “an unacceptable level of disruption” for residents and businesses.

The dispute grew increasingly bitter, sparking a legal bid by some residents to have the shows canceled, and a rival petition calling for them all to go ahead.

Brooks released a statement last week saying he would play five shows or none. “To choose which shows to do and which shows not to do, would be like asking to choose one child over another,” he said.

Promoter Peter Aiken said Tuesday that attempts to reach agreement among the feuding parties had failed and “no concerts will take place.”

Ticket-seller Ticketmaster said it would be offering refunds.

### Music duo loses gang lawsuit

The federal government can’t be bison. Any fallout from a 2011 FBI report that put a gang tag on fans of the music group Insane Clown Posse, a judge said.

U.S. District Judge Robert Cleland dismissed a lawsuit by the rap-metal duo and fans, known as Juggalos, who said they’ve been targeted by police because they have jewelry or tattoos with the group’s symbol, a man running with a hatchet.

Cleland said the U.S. Justice Department is not responsible for how authorities use a national report on gangs. The report “does not recommend any particular course of action for local law enforcement to follow, and instead operates as a descriptive, rather than prescriptive, assessment of nationwide gang trends,” Cleland said in a 14-page opinion last week.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan filed a lawsuit on behalf of Juggalos and the group, claiming their constitutional rights to free speech and due process were violated by the report. The ACLU said it will appeal Cleland’s decision.

### Cities ready for ‘Get On Up’ premiere

Natchez, Miss., will host the



Garth Brooks

red-carpet Mississippi premiere of “Get On Up” later this month with the director and headline star in attendance.

The world premiere of the Tate Taylor-helmed James Brown biopic starring Chadwick Boseman will be July 21 in New York City, followed by an opening in Brown’s hometown of Augusta, Ga., July 24.

The Natchez screening is 7 p.m. July 26, and the film opens nationwide Aug. 1.

The majority of the motion picture — which depicts the life of the Godfather of Soul from the time he was 5 years old until he was 60 — was shot in and around Natchez, and many area residents were cast as extras.

### TV news

■ CBS says Sean Hayes is joining the cast of its comedy “The Millers”

as a series regular. Hayes will play the new best friend of the character played by Margo Martindale and a new source of friction for her son, played by Will Arnett, CBS said on Tuesday.

■ Stevie Nicks is joining “The Voice” as an adviser to Adam Levine’s team for the upcoming season. Nicks, the 66-year-old Fleetwood Mac singer, has been working with Levine and his 12 team members as they assign songs and rehearse with the contestants in preparation for the show’s battle rounds.

■ Broadcast and cable networks will again donate a simultaneous hour of commercial-free airtime to carry the fundraiser “Stand Up to Cancer” on Sept. 5. Gwyneth Paltrow and Joel Gallen are returning to produce the telecast for a second time. The money raised supports cross-disciplinary research toward new cancer treatments.

■ Discovery Communications says its fitness network will undergo a transformation to Discovery Life Channel early next year. The new network will focus on ordinary people in extraordinary situations as they overcome hardships and take risks.

### Music news

■ Jay Z will headline the Global Citizen Festival on Sept. 27 in New York City’s Central Park. Organizers announced Wednesday that fun, Carrie Underwood, The Roots, No Doubt and Tiesto also will perform.



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## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Single focus spelled doom for cupcake shop

By Candice Choi

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Turns out, being a one-hit wonder is risky.

When Crumbs, the New York City-based chain that built its business around cupcakes, shuttered several dozen of its remaining locations on Monday, it seemed like an abrupt ending for a company that opened a decade ago to ride the wave of popularity of the sugary treat sparked by the TV series "Sex and the City."

But Crumbs' rise and fall isn't surprising when considering the company's dependence on a fad. In fact, it's the latest cautionary tale for businesses that devote their entire menus to variations of a single product.

Krispy Kreme, for instance, expanded rapidly in large part on the cult-like following of its doughnuts. But sales started declining and the company ended up closing some locations.

Last year, restaurant industry researcher Technomic said

Krispy Kreme had 249 locations, down from 338 a decade ago. The chain has broadened its menu more recently.

Krispy Kreme, celebrates its 77th anniversary later this week. A similar fate befell Mrs. Fields, which is known for its cookies. The chain has suffered in part because of the ubiquity of places that sell cookies, and it was down to 230 stores last year, from 438 a decade ago.

TCBY had 355 stores last year, down from 1,413 a decade ago. Part of the chain's problem is the competition, given the proliferation of frozen yogurt places.

A representative for the parent company of Mrs. Fields and TCBY wasn't immediately available for comment.

Companies that offer only one item can fall victim to a number of risks.

For one, trendy products tend to attract competition from big and small players that want to jump on the bandwagon. For instance, Starbucks and Cold Stone Cream-

ery have been trying to capitalize on the cupcake trend with cake pops and ice cream cupcakes, respectively.

Being beholden to a single item also makes companies more susceptible to customers' whims and changing tastes. There's always a new fad. Frozen yogurt. Chopped salads. Freshly squeezed juices. Entrepreneurs may be eager to open stores selling those products, but there's always the danger that fickle customers will move on to the next thing.

"A cupcake shop today can't survive on just cupcakes," said Darren Tristano, a Technomic analyst.

To combat the risks, many chains diversify their menus. Several have prospered by moving beyond their flagship products.

Dunkin' Donuts, for instance, has been pushing aggressively into specialty drinks and sandwiches, with a focus on boosting sales over its morning rush hour.

Starbucks has introduced a range of new foods and drinks

in its cafes, including premium bottled juices and salad boxes. The coffee chain even plans to expand wine and beer offering in evenings to as many as 1,000 locations over the next several years.

Still, some chains manage to persevere by carving out a niche where there aren't many competitors. Auntie Anne's and Cinnabon have expanded locations over the years.

## MARKET WATCH

July 8, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	-117.59
	16,906.62
Nasdaq Composite	-80.07
	4,391.46
Standard & Poor's 500	-13.94
	1,963.71
Russell 2000	-14.59
	1,172.15

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 10)	\$1.3959
Dollar buys July 10	€0.7164
British pound (July 10)	\$1.75
Japanese yen (July 10)	99.00
South Korean won (July 10)	987.00

## Commercial rates

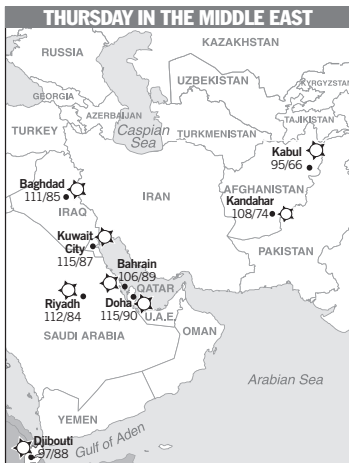
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.7123
Canada (dollar)	1.0664
China (Yuan)	6.1191
Denmark (Krone)	5.6465
Egypt (Pound)	6.1999
Euro (euro)	\$1.3619/0.7343
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.7501
Hungary (Forint)	227.64
Israel (Shekel)	3.4264
Japan (Yen)	101.68
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	5.1669
Philippines (Peso)	43.35
Poland (Zloty)	3.103
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2421
South Korea (Won)	1,012.86
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8927
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.23
Turkey (Lira)	2.1258

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.44

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



## Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	55	72	Pdly	Chatanooga	89	65	Cldy	Fort Wayne	79	58	Pdly	Louisville	86	65	Pdly
Akron, Ohio	78	55	Pdly	Chicago	78	61	Cldy	Fresno	100	68	Cldy	Lubbock	92	67	Pdly
Albany, N.Y.	81	56	Cir	Cincinnati	89	61	Cir	Goodland	97	67	Cir	Macon	90	74	Rain
Albuquerque	91	69	Pdly	Cleveland	76	57	Pdly	Grand Junction	76	58	Pdly	Medford	95	68	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	85	59	Pdly	Colorado Springs	91	62	Cldy	Great Falls	87	56	Pdly	Memphis	90	71	Pdly
Amarillo	83	60	Pdly	Columbia, S.C.	91	71	Rain	Green Bay	76	58	Cir	Miami Beach	87	73	Cir
Anchorage	61	54	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	89	75	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	86	67	Rain	Midland-Odessa	94	70	Pdly
Asheville	81	61	Cldy	Columbus, S.C.	91	71	Rain	Harrisburg	84	63	Pdly	Milwaukee	93	58	Cir
Atlanta	86	74	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	83	56	Cir	Hartford-Spdlf	84	64	Pdly	Mpls-St Paul	81	67	Pdly
Atlantic City	86	66	Cldy	Corpus Christi	93	76	Cir	Havana	90	57	Pdly	Missoula	92	53	Cir
Austin	91	68	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	98	76	Pdly	Honolulu	88	75	Cir	Mobile	86	68	Cir
Baltimore	85	68	Cldy	Dayton	77	58	Cir	Houston	93	76	Pdly	Montgomery	86	71	Rain
Baton Rouge	92	73	Rain	Daytona Beach	91	76	Pdly	Huntsville	90	66	Pdly	Nashville	87	68	Cir
Bilings	83	60	Pdly	Denver	93	63	Cldy	Indianapolis	89	61	Cir	New Orleans	91	76	Rain
Birmingham	86	70	Pdly	Des Moines	82	66	Pdly	Jackson, Miss.	93	71	Cldy	New York City	84	69	Pdly
Bismarck	85	64	Pdly	Detroit	78	61	Cldy	Jacksonville	93	71	Cldy	St. Louis	88	60	Pdly
Boise	97	68	Cir	Duluth	74	57	Rain	Janeau	63	49	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	89	73	Cldy
Boston	80	65	Pdly	El Paso	96	77	Pdly	Kansas City	85	71	Cldy	North Platte	88	63	Cldy
Bridgeport	85	65	Pdly	Elkins	78	56	Pdly	Key West	90	62	Cldy	Oklahoma City	92	68	Cldy
Brownsville	90	78	Cldy	Erie	74	54	Cir	Knoxville	87	64	Cldy	Omaha	89	69	Cldy
Buffalo	76	55	Pdly	Eugene	87	53	Cir	Lake Charles	90	75	Cldy	San Antonio	94	70	Pdly
Burlington, Vt.	77	55	Pdly	Evansville	85	64	Cir	Lansing	75	56	Pdly	Paducah	88	65	Pdly
Caribou, Maine	77	50	Cir	Fairbanks	76	57	Cldy	Las Vegas	104	83	Pdly	Pendleton	93	60	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	90	57	Pdly	Fargo	82	66	Pdly	Langston	84	61	Pdly	St. Peter	89	69	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	92	74	Pdly	Flagstaff	78	53	Rain	Lincoln	85	70	Cldy	Philadelphia	87	69	Cldy
Charlotte	85	70	Rain	Fort Smith	75	55	Pdly	Little Rock	91	72	Cldy	Phoenix	103	87	Pdly
							Los Angeles	81	67	Pdly	Richmond	92	67	Pdly	

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## National temperature extremes

Hi: Tue., 118, Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Tue., 37, West Yellowstone Lake, Mont.

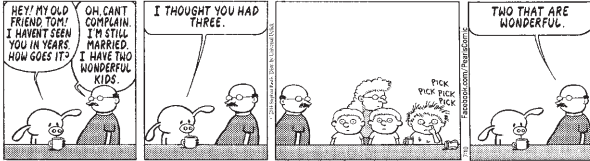
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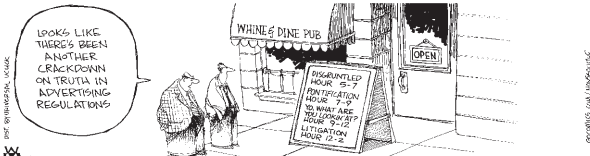
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Fort Knox



# Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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## ACROSS

- 1 Ella's specialty
- 5 Convent denizen
- 8 Flight component
- 12 Horseback game
- 13 Praise in verse
- 14 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 15 Biblical kingdom
- 16 Present
- 17 Austen hero/ine
- 18 Mamba and samba
- 20 Quake
- 22 Chopper
- 23 Wall climber
- 24 Barn storage area
- 27 Paginated
- 32 Playwright Levin
- 33 Mme., across the Pyrenees
- 34 Reproductive cells
- 35 Hastily
- 38 Remain
- 39 Dah preceder
- 40 Puncturing tool
- 42 Spielberg or Soderbergh
- 45 Go back into business
- 49 Employ
- 50 Request
- 52 Lima land
- 53 Exam format
- 54 Understand
- 55 Rewrite, maybe
- 56 Jack and Jill's destination

## DOWN

- 1 Raced
- 2 Pop flavor
- 3 "Two and a Half Men" role
- 4 Alley wanderer, often
- 5 Poppycock
- 6 Japanese salad veggie
- 7 Mr. Gingrich
- 8 Place for an ace?
- 9 Poppycock
- 10 Ticklish Muppet
- 11 Early "Tonight Show" host
- 19 Alimony recipient
- 21 Cage component
- 24 Back talk
- 25 Raw rock
- 26 Poppycock
- 28 Web address
- 29 Poppycock
- 30 Actress Mendes
- 31 Rotation duration
- 36 Jim who rode Apollo 13
- 37 Larry's pal
- 38 Skiers' mecca
- 41 Lindbergh book
- 42 Presentation
- 43 Grow weary
- 44 Partner of Crosby and Stills
- 46 It often accompanies a mani
- 47 "—go brag!"
- 48 Crazy
- 51 Vast expanse

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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## Pro soccer

MLS		EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
		W	L	W	L
D.C. United	8	5	4	28	14
Real Salt Lake	7	7	2	29	23
Portland Timbers	7	7	2	29	23
Toronto FC	6	5	3	21	19
San Jose	6	5	3	21	19
Columbus	4	5	8	20	19
San Diego	4	5	8	20	19
Philadelphia	4	4	6	18	30
Chicago	3	4	8	16	27
Montreal	3	3	5	14	27

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday, July 4	
Houston 2, New York 1, tie	
Dallas 2, Philadelphia 1	
Colorado 1, Columbus 1, tie	
San Jose 1, New England 1	
Saturday, July 5	
D.C. United 1, Seattle FC 0	
Vancouver 1, Seattle FC 0	
Sunday, July 6	
Sporting Kansas City 1, Chicago 1, tie	
Friday's games	
D.C. United at San Jose	
Colorado at Philadelphia	
Seattle at Toronto FC	
Columbus at New York	
San Diego at New England	
Sporting Kansas City at Montreal	
Chicago USA at Vancouver	

Sunday's games	
Portland at Seattle FC	

WNBL		W		L		Pts		GB	
Seattle	10	1	2	1	2	33	24	13	0
San Francisco	10	4	3	3	3	30	17	13	0
Western New York	7	7	2	2	2	26	33	13	0
Washington	7	7	2	2	2	26	33	13	0
Portland	6	6	3	3	3	21	21	21	0
Sky Blue FC	3	7	7	16	16	30	16	30	0
Houston	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	0
Boston	3	11	2	11	2	22	25	25	0

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday, July 2	
Washington 3, Boston 3, tie	
Seattle FC 2, Western New York 1	
Sky Blue FC, Houston 1, tie	
Friday, July 4	
Portland 2, Chicago 2, tie	
Saturday, July 5	
Western New York vs Houston 1	
Sunday, July 6	
San Francisco vs Sky Blue FC	
Portland vs Chicago	
Friday's games	
Boston at Houston	
Washington at Western New York	
Seattle at Chicago	
Sunday's games	
San Francisco at Portland	

## Pro basketball

WNBA		EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
		W	L	W	L
Atlanta	10	1	2	4	0
Indiana	9	1	7	2	4
Connecticut	9	1	7	2	4
Minnesota	8	1	7	2	4
New York	7	1	7	2	4
Washington	7	1	7	2	4

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Monday's games	
No games scheduled	
Tuesday's games	
Atlanta vs Connecticut	
Indiana vs Tulsa	
Minnesota vs Los Angeles	
Wednesday's games	
Washington at Chicago	
Seattle at Phoenix	
New York at San Antonio	
Thursday's games	
Connecticut at Indiana	
Minnesota at Tulsa	

## Golf

### PGA Tour FedEx Cup leaders

#### Through June 29

##### Scoring

1. Stacy Lewis, 69.26, 3. Michelle Wie, 69.26, 3. Inbee Park, 69.88, 4. Suzann Petersen, 70.05, 5. Chella Choi, 70.12, 6. Lydia Ko, 70.13, 7. Cristie Kerr, 70.15, 8. Seon Yeon Ryu, 70.18, 9. Lexi Thompson, 70.21, 10. Jessica Korda, 70.24.

##### Driving Distance

1. Gerina Piller, 264.2, 2. Lexi Thompson, 273.4, 3. Yani Tseng, 269.6, 4. Carlota Ciganda, 268.6, 5. Brittany Lincicome, 268.5, 6. Joana Kjaer, 268.3, 7. Lexi Thompson, 268.0, 8. Caroline Hedwall, 267.9, 9. Park, 267.8, 10. Stacy Lewis, 267.8.

##### Greens in Regulation Pct.

1. Suzann Petersen, 79.80%, 2. Michelle Wie, 78.80%, 3. Stacy Lewis, 78.30%, 4. Anna Nordqvist, 76.60%, 5. Christina Kim, 76.00%, 6. Gerina Piller, 75.90%, 7. Seon Yeon Ryu, 75.90%, 8. Lexi Thompson, 75.40%, 9. Chella Choi, 75.30%, 10. Shanshan Feng, 75.00%.

##### Putting Average

1. Stacy Lewis, 1.737, 2. Inbee Park, 1.766, 3. Lexi Thompson, 1.766, 4. Hanu Munoz, 1.767, 5. Michelle Wie, 1.769, 6. Morikawa, 1.775, 7. Sandra Gal, 1.776, 8. Karrie Webb, 1.781, 9. Anna Nordqvist, 1.784, 10. Jessica Korda, 1.786.

##### Birdie Average

1. Stacy Lewis, 4.52, 2. Michelle Wie, 4.00, 3. Suzann Petersen, 3.88, 4. Shanshan Feng, 3.88, 5. Inbee Park, 3.85, 6. Lydia Ko, 3.79, 7. Lexi Thompson, 3.78, 8. Seon Yeon Ryu, 3.78, 9. Cristie Kerr, 3.77, 10. Chella Choi, 3.73.

##### Score Under Par

1. Caroline Hedwall, 152, 2. Carlota Ciganda, 145, 3. Paula Creamer, 144, 4. Suzann Petersen, 136.5, Chella Choi, 136.5, 6. Gerina Piller, 130, 7. Michelle Wie and Karline Kircher, 130, 9. Kristie Kerr, 127, 10. Eward Shastel and Kristie Kerr, 127.

##### Save Save Percentage

1. Karrie Webb, 56.0%, Megan McChrystal, 55.09%, 3. Karrie Webb, 55.09%, 4. Katherine Koster, 54.39%, 5. Seon Yeon Ryu, 54.39%, 6. Emma Lind, 53.85%, 10. Lorie Kane, 53.49%.

##### Money

1. Stacy Lewis, \$1,881,227, 2. Michelle Wie, \$1,627,653, 3. Lydia Ko, \$1,580,842, 4. Inbee Park, \$1,378,555, 5. Anna Nordqvist, \$1,378,555, 6. Lexi Thompson, \$1,378,555, 7. Karrie Webb, \$1,378,555, 8. Sandra Gal, \$1,378,555, 9. Chella Choi, \$1,378,555, 10. Karrie Webb, \$1,378,555.

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##### Putting Average

1. Stacy Lewis, 1.737, 2. Inbee Park, 1.766, 3. Lexi Thompson, 1.766, 4. Hanu Munoz, 1.767, 5. Michelle Wie, 1.769, 6. Morikawa, 1.775, 7. Sandra Gal, 1.776, 8. Karrie Webb, 1.781, 9. Anna Nordqvist, 1.784, 10. Jessica Korda, 1.786.

##### Birdie Average

1. Stacy Lewis, 4.52, 2. Michelle Wie, 4.00, 3. Suzann Petersen, 3.88, 4. Shanshan Feng, 3.88, 5. Inbee Park, 3.85, 6. Lydia Ko, 3.79, 7. Lexi Thompson, 3.78, 8. Seon Yeon Ryu, 3.78, 9. Cristie Kerr, 3.77, 10. Chella Choi, 3.73.

##### Score Under Par

1. Caroline Hedwall, 152, 2. Carlota Ciganda, 145, 3. Paula Creamer, 144, 4. Suzann Petersen, 136.5, Chella Choi, 136.5, 6. Gerina Piller, 130, 7. Michelle Wie and Karline Kircher, 130, 9. Kristie Kerr, 127, 10. Eward Shastel and Kristie Kerr, 127.

##### Save Save Percentage

1. Karrie Webb, 56.0%, Megan McChrystal, 55.09%, 3. Karrie Webb, 55.09%, 4. Katherine Koster, 54.39%, 5. Seon Yeon Ryu, 54.39%, 6. Emma Lind, 53.85%, 10. Lorie Kane, 53.49%.

##### Money

1. Stacy Lewis, \$1,881,227, 2. Michelle Wie, \$1,627,653, 3. Lydia Ko, \$1,580,842, 4. Inbee Park, \$1,378,555, 5. Anna Nordqvist, \$1,378,555, 6. Lexi Thompson, \$1,378,555, 7. Karrie Webb, \$1,378,555, 8. Sandra Gal, \$1,378,555, 9. Chella Choi, \$1,378,555, 10. Karrie Webb, \$1,378,555.

## Tennis

### Hall of Fame Championships

#### At The International Tennis Hall of Fame

##### Surface: Grass-Outdoor

##### First Round

Nicolas Mahut (4), France, def. Facundo Aguirre, Argentina, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3.

##### Doubles

Farukh Dust, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-2, Luke Saville, Australia, def. Peter Polansky, Canada, 6-4, 6-2.

Adrian Panatta (4), France, def. Daniel Tardif, Canada, 6-3, 6-2.

Ante Pavic, Croatia, def. Marius Copil, Romania, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

John Isner (1), United States, def. Wayne Odesnik, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (7), 6-2.

Lleyton Hewitt, United States, def. Tim Smyczek, United States, 6-4 (7), 6-1.

Lleyton Hewitt (3), Australia, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Jack Sock (7), United States, def. Alex Kuznetsov, United States, 6-4, 6-3.

##### Second Round

Matthew Elston and Sam Groth (3), Australia, def. Kevin King, United States, and Michal Przyszycki, Poland, 5-7, 6-2, 10-5.

Dhaval Patel, India, and Donald Young, United States, def. Sam Groth, Australia, and Scott Lipsky (1), United States, 6-3, 6-2.

Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Rajeev Ram, United States, def. Daniel Tardif, Canada, and Neal Skupski (4), Britain, 5-7, 6-4, 10-6.

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##### Bad Gains Tennis

##### Surface: Clay-Outdoor

##### First Round

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NBA

# Cavs' options dwindling awaiting LeBron

By JASON LLOYD  
Akron Beacon Journal

This might not have been the plan at the start of free agency, but with a number of other options beginning to fade, the Cavaliers are suddenly facing another boom or bust scenario with LeBron James. When James departed the Cavs four years ago, they were left in a position of weakness. A number of other free agents were already off the board and there wasn't enough time to sign anyone of substance.

Now it could be happening all over again.

If James indeed decides to return to the Cavs, all is forgotten and the timing doesn't matter. But if he returns to the Miami Heat or chooses another team, the Cavs might again be forced to move into scramble mode.

For those keeping score, they've already lost two of their own free agents in C.J. Miles and Spencer Hawes. Neither is a star, but both were serviceable players who filled a need. Luol Deng will probably be the next to go.

Who's replacing them? That's yet to be determined.

The drafting of Andrew Wiggins already makes this a successful summer, but the Cavs entered July with high hopes of a bigger payoff.

Utah Jazz restricted free-agent Gordon Hayward made the trip to Cleveland last week expecting to leave town with an offer sheet, but it never came because of the uncertainty surrounding James.

Hayward, meanwhile, agreed on a maximum offer sheet with the Charlotte Hornets on Wednesday.

## Source: Cleveland trades players for cap space

By TOM WITHERS  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A person familiar with the deals said the Cavaliers have agreed to trade guard Jarrett Jack, swingman Sergey Karasev and center Tyler Zeller, moves that can help their pursuit of LeBron James by clearing salary cap space.

The Cavs have agreements with the Brooklyn Nets and Boston Celtics, according to the person who spoke Wednesday to The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because teams are not permitted to discuss any trades

until the league's moratorium ends Thursday.

The deals would give the Cavs enough salary-cap room to offer superstar free agent James a maximum contract. James is expected to meet with Miami president Pat Riley before making a decision about his NBA future.

Jack, who signed with Cleveland as a free agent last season, was scheduled to make \$6.3 million next season, Zeller will make \$1.6 million and Karasev \$1.4 million.

ESPN first reported details of the three-way trade.

day that would pay the small forward \$63 million over the next four years, a person close to the situation told The AP.

Utah would have three days to match the deal once Hayward officially signs and the Jazz continue to insist they'll match any offer he receives.

The same is true of Chandler Parsons, another restricted free agent unlikely to leave the Houston Rockets.

Marcin Gortat, whom the Cavs had at least mild interest in, is already off the market after agreeing to remain with the Washington Wizards. Channing Frye's four-year agreement this week with the Orlando Magic was the surprise.

The Cavs had legitimate interest in Frye: "he's a favorite of General Manager David Griffin's from their time together in Phoenix"

and at least a few people around the league thought Frye would be a nice fallback if the Cavs missed on James.

If they miss on Hayward, the Cavs could be left chasing players like Trevor Ariza, who could command at least \$8 million a year in free agency.

Whether he's worth it is highly debatable, but if the Cavs want to continue in this quest for the post-season, they might be left with little choice.

They could certainly use another big man following Hawes' departure, but Frye's elimination leaves little behind. Greg Monroe is appealing, but he's another restricted free agent and the Detroit Pistons won't let him leave without a fight.

The remaining list of free-agent big men is fairly terrifying: Chris



CHARLES TRAINOR JR., MIAMI HERALD/MCT

**While they wait for LeBron James, right, to decide on which team he will sign with next, the Cleveland Cavaliers' window of landing other top-flight talent is growing smaller.**

Andersen, Jermaine O'Neal, Emeka Okafor and Gustavo Ayon, among others. Andray Blatche has talent, but has a long reputation as a knucklehead and was expected to meet with the Toronto Raptors Wednesday.

James and Heat President Pat Riley were expected to meet

Wednesday in Las Vegas, according to Yahoo Sports.

The good news is the silliness should soon be ending.

Players can start signing their new contracts on Thursday and at least a few people around the league believe James will make his decision known by then.

# Knicks' coach Fisher makes final pitch to Anthony

By STEVE POPPER

The (Hackensack, N.J.) Record

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks have spent months plotting their strategy to convince Carmelo Anthony to remain with the organization, stressing a new culture, insisting that with Phil Jackson at the helm of the franchise the chance to win a championship would come.

But as the days and hours have passed with Anthony not committing to the Knicks, the team must face the possibility of a future without him — and an immediate future where winning isn't so easy to imagine.

The lure of other teams has been simpler, pairing Anthony with stars at every stop. Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah were part of the recruiting group in Chicago. Kobe Bryant pitched Los Angeles. James Harden and Dwight Howard made the case for Houston while Dirk Nowitzki argued for Dallas.

But if he chooses the Knicks, Anthony can get the best financial package — a five-year, \$129.1 million deal — but he would return to a roster that has been tweaked from last year's 37-win team. And for the Knicks, it could

be worse.

The Knicks would be unable to add another star if Anthony returns, which means that he'd be hoping that new point guard Jose Calderon could be a difference-maker — enough to make up for the drop-off from Tyson Chandler to Samuel Dalembert at center.

The star he was supposed to team up with, Amar'e Stoudemire, has been hobbled throughout their time on the Knicks.

Andrea Bargnani was a disaster his first year in New York.

The team's youth consists of an underachieving Iman Shumpert and Tim Hardaway Jr., a promising scorer whose rookie season was one-dimensional.

In Las Vegas, where the Knicks began practice Tuesday for summer league play, rookie head coach Derek Fisher spoke to reporters about his talks with Anthony, telling him things would be better this year because, well, just because.

"He wants to win, wants to be successful," Fisher said. "The time I had the visit with him I just shared with him we'll be a better basketball team because we'll play the game a better way, play as a team, play with a system and format to allow the game to be



SETH WENIG/AP

**Free agent Carmelo Anthony, left, could return to the New York Knicks for the most money — he'd get a max deal worth \$129 million over five years — but the Knicks would be hard-pressed to compete for an NBA championship with its current roster.**

easier for him and his teammates. I'm not sure if it hit home. I guess we'll find out."

It may not sound quite as convincing as joining forces with a pair of All-Stars in Chicago or

Houston or one of the best players in NBA history in Los Angeles. And that doesn't figure in the possibility of pairing with LeBron James in Miami, or some other stop along the free-agent trail.

And that brings up the real trouble for Jackson, Fisher and the Knicks. If Anthony takes another offer, the first season under the new regime would rely on a Knicks team that could not replace Anthony's salary — still over the cap even without him on the roster.

While rumors have surfaced about trying to trade Stoudemire, the Knicks could be left with a roster that could be draft lottery bound, even in the weak Eastern Conference. At least the Knicks still have their 2015 first-round pick.

There has been no hint from Anthony as to where he might land. And the free-agent market has grown only more mysterious with James and Dwyane Wade appearing in Las Vegas and James set to meet with Heat team president Pat Riley. Other meetings likely are happening, too.

Anthony was spotted over the weekend playing a pickup game with Bryant at UCLA spurring rumors of a possible pairing.

But the Bulls, according to a source, have not been told that they are out of the running either — and Fisher's comments about a desire to win support what Anthony has said all along.

## NBA



Rick Bowmer/AP

Free agent Gordon Hayward, left, has agreed to a maximum offer sheet with the Charlotte Hornets that would pay the small forward \$63 million over four years, a source told The Associated Press.

## Source: Hayward OKs Hornets' \$63M offer

By STEVE REED  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Hornets are going all out to sign restricted free agent Gordon Hayward.

The Hornets have agreed on a maximum offer sheet with Hayward that would pay the small forward \$63 million over the next four years, a person close to with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Utah Jazz would have three days to match the deal once Hayward signs. It's unclear if the Jazz would match the offer or consider a sign-and-trade with Charlotte.

The person commented to the AP on condition of anonymity because Hayward can't officially sign the offer sheet until Thursday, when the league lifts its moratorium on signing free agents.

The person also said the Hornets have spoken to representatives for free agents Marvin Williams and Brian Roberts and will meet with them later this week. Williams would give the Hornets another option at forward and Roberts would fill the backup point guard spot behind

Kemba Walker.

Williams spent the last two seasons with Utah after six years with the Atlanta Hawks. He started 50 games last season for the Jazz and averaged 9.1 points and 5.1 rebounds.

Roberts spent the past two seasons with New Orleans. He started 42 games last season, averaging 9.4 points and 3.3 assists while shooting 94 percent from the free-throw line.

Hayward, who visited with the Hornets this week, averaged 16.2 points, 5.1 rebounds, 5.2 assists and 1.4 steals last season for Utah. Hayward has spent all four seasons in the NBA with the Jazz. He shot 41.3 percent from the field and 30 percent from three-point range in 77 starts.

Hayward's offensive production has increased with each season in the league, going from 5.4 points per game as a rookie to 11.8 in 2011 and 14.1 in 2012.

If the Hornets are able to land Hayward, it's unclear what that might mean for small forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist or shooting guard Gerald Henderson. The 6-foot-8, 220-pound Hayward is capable of playing both positions.

# Sterling on attack in court

## Clippers owner blasts doctors who called him mentally incompetent

By JAMES RAINEY  
and EVERETT COOK  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Donald Sterling railed on the witness stand Tuesday against the doctors who deemed him mentally incompetent, the executives who bounced him out of the NBA and the opposing lawyer who struggled to get him to answer a question.

Sterling was consistently combative during his hourlong testimony that came as he fights to keep ownership of the Los Angeles Clippers. He briefly cried when he professed his devotion to his wife, Shelly. He predicted he would win a \$9-billion judgment in an antitrust case he filed against the pro basketball league and that one day he will sell the team for as much as \$5 billion.

That would be 2½ times the record \$2 billion the Clippers brought in a late May sale conducted by Shelly Sterling, which

her husband wants to void.

Many in a packed courtroom in downtown Los Angeles alternately laughed and shook their heads as the 80-year-old Sterling unleashed his fury. He suggested that the two doctors who found him mentally incapacitated were directed to do so and that one was drunk when she examined him. He berated his inquisitor — Bert Fields, the renowned Hollywood lawyer representing Shelly Sterling — as incompetent and possibly guilty of fraud.

Sterling testified on the second day of a Los Angeles County Superior Court trial, in which Judge Michael Levanos will determine whether Shelly Sterling acted legally when she seized control of the Sterling Family Trust on May 29 and sold the Clippers to former Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer.

Sterling signed a letter May 22 saying that he would sell the Clippers and authorized Shelly

Sterling to talk to the NBA in connection with a sale. "She said she was going to have a percentage of the team after the sale and I felt that if she is going to have something and it's important to her ... then I was going to sell it," he testified.

Sterling said he subsequently learned that she would not get to keep a piece of the team. "The way they presented it to her was not accurate... I did not want the sale to go through," Sterling said. "Why is that so hard for you to comprehend?"

He also suggested he was still very much in charge of "five corporations" and an empire worth billions, but that Shelly Sterling was far removed from important business decisions.

"It's ludicrous to think she could run a corporation that has \$1 billion in liabilities with different banks," he said.

Sterling was scheduled to return to the stand on Wednesday.



Nick Ut/AP

Shelly Sterling, the wife of Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, arrives at a Los Angeles courthouse for a trial over the \$2 billion Los Angeles Clippers sale on Tuesday.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Blackhawks give Toews, Kane extensions

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — This was a no-brainer from start to finish. Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane wanted to stay in Chicago and the Blackhawks wanted to keep the high-scoring forwards in the only NHL uniform they have ever known.

All that was left was crunching the numbers on a pair of the biggest contracts in franchise history.

The Blackhawks announced Wednesday they had reached eight-year extensions with two of their top performers in a long run of success that includes Stanley Cup titles in 2010 and 2013. Toews and Kane led Chicago back to the Western Conference final this year, where it lost to the eventual NHL champion Los Angeles Kings.

General manager Stan Bowman said all along that the extensions were his biggest offseason priority, and it didn't take very long to reach the agreements with Pat Brissson, who represents both players. Toews and Kane each have one year left on their five-year extensions from December 2009, and July 1 was the first day they could sign new deals.

Toews and Kane made it clear right after the Game 7 loss to Los Angeles that they wanted to stay with the Blackhawks, who added \$8MoreYears to their tweets about the deal.

"There's no organization in sports that cares more about the overall experience of their fans and the success of their players," Toews said in a statement released by the team. "There's nothing we want more as players than to continue to win Stanley Cups for the best hockey fans on the planet."

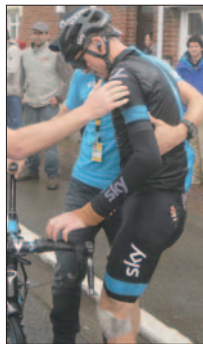
Toews, the No. 3 selection in the 2006 draft, was just 20 when he became the 34th captain in team history in July 2008. He is regarded as one of the NHL's best two-way players, winning the Selke Trophy last season as the league's best defensive forward.

Kane, the top overall pick in the 2007 draft, has developed into one of the NHL's most clutch players after questions about his maturity dogged the dynamic winger for the first part of the career. He had the series-clinching goal in



PHOTOS BY PETER DEJONG AND LAURENT CIPRIANI/AP

**Alberto Contador, above, crosses the finish line with a delay of more than two minutes on his main rivals during the fifth stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday in Arenberg, France. Two-time Tour winner Contador had trouble on one of the cobblestone sections and fell back to 19th place. Defending champion Chris Froome, right, is helped to a team car after he fell twice on the rain-slickened course and pulled out about halfway through the stage. Froome was already nursing an injured left wrist from a crash on Tuesday. The last time a defending champ quit the race early was Benard Hinault in 1980.**



Game 6 of the 2010 Stanley Cup finals at Philadelphia, and won the Conn Smythe Trophy last year as playoff MVP.

The 25-year-old Kane put on another impressive display in this year's postseason, almost bringing Chicago back from a 3-1 deficit against Los Angeles.

The extensions for Toews and Kane mean the Blackhawks have much of their core group locked up through the 2016-17 season.

## Defending Tour champ out after third crash

ARENBERG, France — Reigning champion Chris Froome crashed twice and quit the Tour

de France on Wednesday during a chaotic, nerve-jangling, filthy fifth stage full of spills.

Froome fell even before the seven cobblestone patches on the slick road from Ypres, Belgium, to Arenberg-Porte du Hainaut in France. Riders had known months ago about the bone-jarring course; incessant rain made it even more treacherous.

The withdrawal of the Team Sky leader left the race wide open with 16 stages still left.

Overall race leader Vincenzo Nibali wasted little time in speeding ahead, notably after he saw that his other big rival for the title this year, two-time Tour victor Alberto Contador, had trouble on the second run on cobbles.

Sensing the danger from the rain, race organizers scrapped two of the nine scheduled cobblestone patches, and reduced the stage by two miles. But that still wasn't enough to stop many riders from tumbling.

Froome, already nursing pain in his left wrist from a crash on Tuesday, took his third and last spill in two days about halfway through the stage. With a cut under his right eye, the Team Sky leader limped over to a team car, climbed in, and drove away.

Froome tweeted he was "devastated" to have to withdraw. "Injured wrist and tough conditions made controlling my bike near to impossible," he wrote. He wished luck to new Sky leader Richie Porte of Australia and his other teammates for the rest of the race.

The last time a defending champion abandoned the Tour was five-time winner Bernard Hinault of France in 1980, according to French cycling statistics provider Velebols.com.

Nibali, too, was one of several high-profile riders who crashed, recovered and excelled on the 95-mile route. The Italian finished third and extended his lead. He and second-place Jakob Fuglsang of Denmark were 19 seconds behind stage winner Lars Boom of Denmark.

"This is a special, special day for me," said Boom, who rides for Belkin Pro Cycling. "I was really looking forward to the cobblestones."

Overall, Nibali leads Astana teammate Fuglsang by 2 seconds. Cannondale rider Peter Sagan of Slovakia was third, 44 seconds back. Contador, breathing hard under a mask of mud at the finish, lost about 2½ minutes to Nibali: He's 2:37 back, in 19th place.

Others who went down but kept going included Americans Andrew Talansky and Tejay van Garderen, Alejandro Valverde of Spain, and Germany's Marcel Kittel, winner of three of the race's first four stages. In what was perhaps the day's most visually dramatic crash, Belgium's Jurgen van den Broeck went hurtling over his handlebars in a bend on a cobblestone patch, and tumbled into a grassy roadside.

## Miami dismisses two accused of raping teen

MIAMI — The University of Miami reacted swiftly Tuesday after sexual battery charges were brought against two of its football players, immediately dismissing both from the Hurricanes team and suspending them as students. JaWand Blue and Alexander Figueroa, both 20-year-old sophomore linebackers, are accused of getting a 17-year-old girl drunk the night of July 5 and then repeatedly raping her at an on-campus residential hall. Each is charged with sexual battery on a physically helpless victim, and Figueroa is also charged with possessing a stolen or forged driver's license.

Tuesday's strong reaction by University of Miami officials comes as the U.S. Education Department conducts a civil rights probe into whether Florida State adequately investigated sexual assault allegations last year against one of its football players, quarterback Jameis Winston. The Florida State investigation resulted in no criminal charges against Winston, who won the Heisman Trophy while leading the Seminoles to the national championship.

The two turned themselves in Tuesday and admitted "buying and administering several alcohol beverages" for the victim and then performing sex acts without her consent, the police report says.

## US Open purse up to \$3M for singles champs

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — The 2014 U.S. Open men's and women's singles champions will earn a record \$3 million apiece this year.

The U.S. Tennis Association also announced Wednesday that the total purse for the tournament will be \$38.3 million, an increase of 11.7 percent from \$34.3 million last year. The previous winners of the final Grand Slam tournament of the season — Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams — earned \$2.6 million in 2013.

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## MLB

# Surging A's beat Giants for 6th straight win

By JANIE MCCAULEY  
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — With 57 victories, the Oakland Athletics have their most wins ever before the All-Star break and lead the majors by a long shot. They still have five more chances to boost that number, too.

That roll has plenty to do with starting pitching from the two-time defending AL West champions.

Sonny Gray struck out eight to win his third straight decision, and the A's beat the San Francisco Giants 6-1 on Tuesday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Six games, five runs allowed. "You're just going out there and trying to keep it going," Gray said after his first start against the Giants.

"I said after my last start when we first came home against Toronto, it was something we needed to get going again, and we were able to do it that game and build each and every start."

Coco Crisp hit an RBI single and stole his 16th base and Nick Punto doubled in a run during a four-run third against Madison Bumgarner (9-7), handed his second three-start skid of the year.

The lefty didn't allow a hit until Jed Lowrie's blooper leading off the third that landed in front of charging right fielder Hunter Pence, who avoided a collision with second baseman Joe

Panik. Pence and the fans in the elevated right-field seats got into it afterward.

The A's (57-33) matched their best winning streak of 2014 and concluded their homestand 6-0, just the 11th undefeated homestand of six or more games in Oakland history.

The low-budget club with baseball's best record has won 11 of its past 12 games at the Coliseum, bouncing back from a three-game sweep at Detroit last week.

"To come back and bounce back from that series it gives us a lot of confidence," Punto said. "We love playing at home. The crowds were awesome, that really does help. Tonight's atmosphere was incredible."

Gray (9-3) reached eight or more strikeouts for the fourth time in seven impressive innings, having struck out nine twice. He is on a nice roll after losing back-to-back starts to the Orioles and Yankees on June 7 and 13.

The A's have outscored the Giants 11-1 in the first two games of the Bay Bridge Series following a 5-0 win Monday. The interleague series now shifts across San Francisco Bay to AT&T Park for two.

San Francisco avoided being shut out in consecutive games for the first time since July 28-29, 2012, but lost for the 11th time in its past 13 games at Oakland dating to 2010.

"It's hard to watch other teams

... it seems like they can break their bat and get a hit — and they're hitting balls hard, too — and then our guys, everybody's crushing the ball and it seems like it's always at somebody," Bumgarner said. "That's the way the game goes but, man, it's a frustrating time."

Pablo Sandoval returned to the Giants' lineup for the first time since leaving Saturday's game at San Diego in the first inning with a bruised left elbow.

Giants manager Bruce Bochy requested a review of a close play at first in which Sandoval was called out trying to beat out a fourth-inning grounder. The call was upheld after a replay review of 1 minute, 28 seconds.

Bochy came out again in the eighth to argue after reliever Jean Machi was called for a balk. Machi was then ejected by plate umpire Angel Hernandez as the reliever walked off the field at the end of the inning.

"That could compound the damage. Now you're thinking about the calls," Bochy said. "I know it's frustrating for them, but you can dwell on that a little too much. That's what we have to stay away from. We have to play better, that's the best way out of this."

A's starters have thrown six or more innings while allowing one or fewer runs in six straight games, their longest streak since at least 1914.



BEN MARCOT/AP

**Oakland Athletics' Yoenis Cespedes (52) slides to score against San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey in the third inning on Tuesday in Oakland, Calif. Cespedes scored on a double by Derek Norris as the A's won 6-1, improving to a major league-best 57-23 record.**

## Wong's walk-off HR lifts Cardinals by Pirates

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Koltan Wong was sitting on a fastball, hoping for extra bases to get something going in the ninth inning.

The rookie downplayed his power after giving the St. Louis Cardinals their second straight game-winning, ninth-inning home run on a two-out, full-count drive that soared well beyond the right field wall.

"I'm definitely not the kind of guy to hit a home run," Wong said after the 5-4 victory stunned the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night. "Usually, I'm always that guy there getting ready to jump

on someone coming home.

"For me to be switches places with someone, that was awesome."

A night earlier, Wong was part of the celebration at the plate after Matt Adams hit his first game-winning homer. He was just about to douse "Big City" with two cups of water before catcher Yadier Molina tackled him.

This time, it was Wong getting mobbed. He said his last game-winning homer came in college at Hawaii against Louisiana Tech.

"It was a little scary, I saw those big guys and I didn't know if I was going to get beat up or what," Wong said. "It was awesome, seeing those guys and how

excited they were. This is a huge win for us."

Ernesto Frieri (1-1) got two routine outs before Wong, batting eighth, hit his third homer on a full count.

"I give him credit," Frieri said. "That was a really good at-bat. I didn't want to walk him, I don't want to put the winning run on base."

The drive over the right-field wall was estimated at 420 feet. On Monday night, Adams hit his first winner off Justin Wilson in a 2-0 victory.

"It's not the first time we've had two tough losses and it probably isn't going to be the last time this year," Pirates manager Clint

Hurdle said. "That's what makes the season so interesting."

"Great crowd, exciting games, one swing of the bat at the end changed the game."

Wong also gave the Cardinals the early lead with a two-run double in the second.

Trevor Rosenthal (1-4) struck out Starling Marte on three pitches with two on to end the ninth.

Pedro Alvarez and Andrew McCutchen hit two-run homers off Carlos Martinez, in the fourth and fifth innings, respectively, and McCutchen's 14th of the season put them up 4-2. Alvarez has 100 career homers with 14 homers and 47 RBIs against St. Louis, most of any opponent.



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**The Cardinals' Koltan Wong watches his walk-off home run in the ninth inning against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday.**



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## MLB

# Verlander survives shaky 1st in Tigers' win

By NOAH TRISTER

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Justin Verlander had no way of knowing what Detroit's offense was about to do, so when he gave up five runs in the first inning, his goal was simply to prevent more scoring and hope for the best.

"That first inning's tough, but as a starting pitcher, you have to have the ability to turn the page," Verlander said. "It's a nice feeling when you're able to go out there and keep your team in the game, when at other times, maybe when I was younger, it turns into a two-inning or three-inning and eight-run affair."

Verlander settled down after his terrible first inning, and the Tigers rallied in emphatic fashion for a 14-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday. The Dodgers managed only one hit off Verlander after the first and Detroit quickly tied it with five runs in the second.

The Tigers added two runs in the third and four in the fourth to pull away. Miguel Cabrera was one of five Tigers with three hits.

Verlander (8-7) allowed five runs and five hits in six innings. He struck out four and walked two. Hyun-Ju Ryu (9-5) allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 2½ innings.



PAUL SANCIA/AP

**Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander gave up a season-worst five runs in the first inning, but got plenty of offensive support in a 14-5 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday at Comerica Park in Detroit.**

"I felt like I really let the team down," Ryu said through a translator. "We had five runs in the first inning off a great pitcher, and I gave the lead away. That's the worst part of tonight."

Juan Uribe hit a two-run homer for the Dodgers in the first, but Verlander retired 13 in a row after that.

The Tigers' 14 runs set a season high, as did their 20 hits.

Detroit managed its offensive outburst without a single homer, but broke through for eight hits in the second against Ryu. Torii Hunter led off with a double — he was initially ruled out at second after a nice throw from right fielder Yasiel Puig, but the call was overturned on replay.

"That's how replay has changed the game," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "It probably changes

the entire inning, really. They have one out and nobody on as opposed to a runner on second, no outs."

Nick Castellanos, Alex Avila, Eugenio Suarez and Rajai Davis followed with consecutive singles, and Avila scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-3.

Ian Kinsler added an RBI single with one out and Cabrera followed with one of his own to tie it.

"It shows what we're capable of," Avila said. "It's a good team win as far as being able to come back, and Justin going out there and throwing up zeros after the first inning. That was a very good win for us."

Davis hit an RBI single in the third to chase Ryu, and Austin Jackson followed with a sacrifice fly for a 7-5 lead.

What once looked like a Los Angeles rout turned into a blow-out for Detroit in the fourth, when the first six Tigers reached base against reliever Jamey Wright. Castellanos singled home a run, and a bases-loaded walk by Avila forced in another. Suarez's RBI single made it 10-5.

Davis added a sacrifice fly, and in the fifth, J.D. Martinez tripled and scored on Hunter's single.

Detroit scored two more runs in the seventh. Cabrera hit an RBI triple, reaching third when Puig's throw from the wall in right-center sailed over two cut-off men. Hunter drove Cabrera home with a single.

Los Angeles opened the scoring on a two-run double by Adrian Gonzalez, and Matt Kemp added an RBI single to make it 3-0. Uribe's homer was his fifth of the year.

## AL roundup

### Brantley's 3 RBIs lead Indians to win

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Michael Brantley did just about everything for the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

The first-time All-Star homered and had three RBIs and Nick Swisher hit a go-ahead two-run shot in the sixth, leading Cleveland to a 5-3 victory over Masahiro Tanaka and the New York Yankees.

The Indians stopped Tanaka's bid to become the major league's first 13-game winner. The rookie All-Star right-hander (12-4) allowed season-worst five runs and 10 hits in six innings.

But the night belonged to Brantley, who hit a leadoff homer in the seventh and had RBI doubles in the first and fifth, raising his average to .328. He also ran down Derek Jeter's fly ball to deep center on the warning track in the first when New York scored twice.

"He's a pretty good player, and he's getting better," Indians manager Terry Francona said with a smile.

Brantley has 14 homers and 60 RBIs, both team highs. He also is tied for the AL lead with 10 outfield assists.

"He's a young player that's really developed into one of the

better outfielders in the game all-around," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "And he showed why tonight. It's why he's an All-Star."

Brantley chose to focus on the win more than his personal performance.

"We did a great job as a team having quality at-bats all night," he said. "I was trying to get mistake pitches. I was lucky enough to get a couple of balls out over the plate and get good swings on them."

Tanaka, who lost for the third time in four starts, took a 3-2 lead into the sixth before Swisher, a former Yankee, put Cleveland on top.

"In that situation from the scouting reports and video we've seen, he loves that split-slider," Swisher said. "When I got in that two-strike count, he'd been burying that split all day long. For me, I was just lucky enough for him to hang that one."

Trevor Bauer (3-4) allowed three runs in seven innings and retired 13 of the last 14 hitters he faced. Cody Allen pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

**White Sox 8, Red Sox 3:** Connor Gillaspie hit a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the sixth inning for his third hit of the game and Chicago beat struggling host Boston.

**Rays 4, Royals 3:** Evan Long-



TONY DEJARA/AP

**The Indians' Michael Brantley hits a double in the first inning Tuesday in Cleveland. Jason Kipnis scored on the play as the Indians beat the Yankees 5-3.**

oria drove in two runs and Jeremy Hellickson went 4½ innings in his season debut as host Tampa Bay beat Kansas City.

**Twins 2, Mariners 0:** Minnesota's Phil Hughes pitched into the eighth inning, Sam Fulbright cleared the wall with his second home run of the season and the Twins beat host Seattle.

**Astros 8, Rangers 3:** Chris Carter led off two innings with home runs, George Springer had one inning-starting long ball and visiting Houston beat Texas.

**Blue Jays 4, Angels 0:** R.A. Dickey allowed four hits over seven innings for his first victory in more than a month and Jose Reyes homered and drove in three runs as visiting Toronto ended a season-worst five-game skid.

## NL roundup

### Reds rally in nightcap, sweep pair from Cubs

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Jay Bruce homered again for a first-game win. Billy Hamilton finished off Cincinnati's biggest comeback this season for a doubleheader sweep.

Finally, the Reds see they are making headway.

Bruce's homer sent Cincinnati to a 4-2 win in the opener on Tuesday, and Hamilton's ninth-inning single gave the Reds a 6-5 victory and a sweep of the Chicago Cubs.

With three wins in two days over Chicago, the Reds moved within 3½ games of first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central, their smallest deficit since April 9.

"It just unifies all of us," manager Bryan Price said. "We just feel really good right now."

The Reds fell behind 5-0 in the third inning of the nightcap. Their biggest comeback of the season had been two runs. They took advantage of a struggling team, sending Chicago to its fifth straight loss.

Bruce doubled home the tying run in the eighth. Hamilton then had a broken-bat RBI single in the ninth off Hector Rondon (1-3) for the Reds' first doubleheader sweep since 2009 against Pittsburgh.

Hamilton has driven in six runs during the series, relishing the clutch situations.

"I love 'em," Hamilton said. "I

want to be the guy in a situation like that."

In the opener, Bruce returned to right field and hit another two-run homer, connecting off Travis Wood (7-7) during a three-run first inning.

Johnny Cueto (9-6) extended his stretch of success against the Cubs. He is 5-0 in his past seven starts against Chicago with a 1.19 ERA. Chris Coghlan homered in both games and helped the Cubs get in position for a split, but Chicago's bullpen couldn't hold on.

**Mets 8, Braves 3:** Rookie Jacob deGrom struck out 11 in seven shutout innings and also delivered a table-setting hit from the No. 8 spot in the batting order and host New York tagged All-Star Julio Teheran and Atlanta.

**Phillies 9, Brewers 7:** Domonic Brown homered and had a two-run single as visiting Philadelphia rallied from a big early deficit to outlast struggling Milwaukee.

**Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1:** Marcell Ozuna hit a two-out, two-run home run off Addison Reed in the ninth inning to split a brilliant Arizona debut by Vidal Nunez and give visiting Miami a victory over the Diamondbacks.

**Rockies 2, Padres 1:** Charlie Blackmon hit a two-run homer and Franklin Morales pitched effectively into the sixth inning, as host Colorado beat San Diego.

## WORLD CUP

## Scoring spree stuns winner

By NESHA STARCEVIC  
The Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Chance after chance was offered, and the Germany players just kept on taking them with clinical efficiency.

In the end, not even they could scarcely believe the 7-1 World Cup semifinal win over Brazil.

Thomas Mueller opened the scoring in the 11th minute, and then Miroslav Klose's record-breaking 16th World Cup career goal triggered a four-goal frenzy in a seven-minute span as Germany took a 5-0 lead inside half an hour on Tuesday.

And this was against Brazil, the five-time World Cup champion, playing on home soil.

"It was of course not exactly expected. The space we had was bigger than against defensive teams," Mueller said. "We took advantage of it superbly, the opponent at some point gets broken. Now we have to pull all the stops one more time and lift the thing. We should keep our feet on the ground."

Germany will seek its fourth title on Sunday at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana against either Argentina or the Netherlands. Germany is in its first final since losing 2-0 to Brazil in 2002. It finished third in the last two tournaments.

Mueller recalled how Germany



NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

**Germany's Toni Kroos celebrates with Sami Khedira after scoring his side's fourth goal Tuesday against Brazil. Kroos scored twice in the 7-1 win.**

was criticized back home after eking out a 2-1 win over Algeria after a poor performance to start the knockout stage, and now "we'll be forever praised."

Germany coach Joachim Loew said the "shell-shocked" Brazil side was so stunned it didn't know how to respond.

"We realized that they were cracking up and took advantage

of it," Loew said. "It was very important to stay calm, cool and courageous in facing Brazilian passion. Brazil was shocked after the goals, they did not expect that. They did not know what to do."

Germany lost in the semifinals in 2006 at home to Italy and had sympathy for Brazil, with players of the two teams embracing each other after the match and the Germans trying to console the Brazilians.

Mueller said Germany had still not reached its goal, which is the title.

"We are simply a very good team," he said.

Toni Kroos, who scored two goals and set up Mueller's, said, "we are here to be World Cup winners."

"We played an incredible match. If someone had told me before the match that we'd win 7-1, I'd have said, 'good, we'll take it,'" Kroos said.

Kroos has been crucial in executing Germany's set pieces, especially from corners. Five of Germany's 17 goals at the tournament have come after corners, while one was a penalty.

The Germans have been practicing set pieces, part of the team's meticulous preparations that are paying off as it seeks to capture its first major title since the 1996 European Championship.

## Germany fans revel in victory

By GEIR MOULSON  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germans awoke on Wednesday to discover the 7-1 demolition of Brazil in their World Cup semifinal was not a delightful dream but a scarcely believable reality.

The front-page headline in the country's biggest-selling newspaper, Bild, read simply: "7-1. No words for it!"

The paper dedicated the next six pages to pictures of the Germany players scoring and celebrating, and marked veteran striker's Miroslav Klose's record-breaking 16th World Cup goal by offering readers a poster of "Miro Klose, Football God!"

When it finally got to words, it declared the team "immortal" and wrote: "This 7-1 is worth as much as a title."

Germany legend Franz Beckenbauer, who won the World Cup as both player and coach, tweeted: "What was that? Hard to believe."

The Sueddeutsche Zeitung broadsheet joined in the chorus of disbelief with the online headline: "Seven-one — is that really true?" And even the sober Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung daily added, "Unthinkable, inconceivable, incomprehensible."

United States coach Jürgen



MARKUS SCHNEIDER/AP

**German soccer fans at a public viewing event called 'Fan Mile' in Berlin celebrate the team's 7-1 semifinal victory over Brazil.**

Klinsmann, who coached Germany to third place when the country hosted the World Cup in 2006, wrote on Twitter: "The best German performance ever in a World Cup!! Simply fantastic!! Now get the Cup JOGG and TEAM!!"

Current Germany coach Joachim Loew, widely known as Jogi, was Klinsmann's assistant in 2006.

German President Joachim Gauck's office said Wednesday that both he and Chancellor Angela Merkel would travel to Rio de Janeiro for the final against Argentina or the Netherlands, who were to play in the other semifinal later in the day.

Sunday's match will be Merkel's second at this World Cup. The chancellor was in the stands for Germany's opening match against Portugal last month, which it won 4-0.

ZDF public television, which broadcast the semifinal against

Brazil, said an average 32.57 million people in Germany — which has about 80 million inhabitants — watched the match. The channel said that was a record for a German TV program.

Yet weather in much of the country during the match Tuesday night didn't dampen fans' spirits, with thousands still turning out to watch the match at Berlin's outdoor fan mile.

"It's the best that can ever happen, that Germany scored seven times. This hasn't happened since a long time," German fan Tamara Beck said.

"It's too bad for Brazil that they didn't win in their own country, but it is not our fault," she said.

Germany's biggest World Cup win since an 8-0 rout of Saudi Arabia in a 2002 group-stage match was greeted by honking car horns as the final whistle blew shortly before midnight local time.



FRANÇOIS XAVIER MARIT/AP

**Germany's Miroslav Klose scored his team's second goal Tuesday, making him the tournament's all-time record scorer with 16.**

## Klose sets record with goal No. 16

By NESHA STARCEVIC  
The Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Miroslav Klose found perhaps the only way to make matters worse for Brazil.

On a night when Germany routed the host nation 7-1 in the World Cup semifinals, Klose also became the tournament's all-time record scorer — surpassing Brazil great Ronaldo.

Klose scored Germany's second goal in the 23rd minute, giving him 16 career World Cup goals. It broke the mark of 15 goals he shared with the retired Ronaldo, who worked the game as a TV commentator.

Klose scored after a corner by Toni Kroos. His first effort was parried by Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar, but Klose calmly stroked the rebound home.

The 36-year-old Lazio striker, playing at his fourth World Cup, also scored in Germany's 2-2 draw with Ghana in the group stage when he came off the bench.

Given the occasion in Belo Horizonte, a special celebration was surely in the works. But Klose refrained even from doing his trademark back flip to mark the goal, which came in his 23rd

World Cup match.

"I got hit in my left foot while attempting a shot and I was not able to do the flip," Klose said.

While Klose played down the record and attributed his scoring record to Germany's teamwork and strong set piece, coach Joachim Loew praised the veteran striker.

"Miro is incredible. To set the record and to do it in Brazil is a great performance," Loew said. "It really means a lot to all of us. This is a record. This is a record that could be beaten only by (Thomas) Mueller."

"We believe that he really deserves it. Because at his age, he is still playing at the highest possible level."

Mueller scored the opening goal against Brazil and now has 10 goals in two World Cup tournaments.

Klose began the tournament on the bench but Loew has returned to the one-striker formation and it is paying off.

With 70 goals in 134 matches, Klose is Germany's all-time top scorer. He was Golden Boot winner at the 2006 World Cup with five goals. Klose also scored five in his first World Cup, in 2002. He scored four in 2010.

# WORLD CUP

# Defense falls apart without Silva

The Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Forget Neymar for a second and consider just how badly Brazil missed Thiago Silva on defense.

The host nation's backbone was relentlessly picked apart Tuesday in the World Cup semifinals, allowing Germany to score goal after goal in a 7-1 loss that will stand as a national embarrassment in a country credited with creating "The Beautiful Game."

Germany's potent attack certainly played a role in the debacle, but so did the suspension of Silva, Brazil's captain.

"What happened is that Germany at a given moment imposed a fantastic rhythm and was able to score the goals that defined the match," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said. "The German team was fantastic."

The Germans were, quite clearly, the better team at the Mineirão Stadium, but Brazil's defense was bad.

Seven goals worth of bad.

In place of Silva, Dante made his first start of the tournament alongside David Luiz in the center of the defense.

But an attacking start opened up huge gaps at the back, and it wasn't long before the first goal



**Brazil's David Luiz, left, reacts as he leaves the pitch comforted by teammate Thiago Silva after Tuesday's 7-1 loss to Germany.**

came from an unmarked Thomas Mueller following a corner kick.

The other goals soon poured in, one from a spill by Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar, another after a cross from Philipp Lahm made its way through the area to a waiting Toni Kroos.

In the absence of Silva, Luiz

took over as the captain and the heart of the defense. During the Brazilian national anthem before the match started, he held up a No. 10 Brazil shirt to honor Neymar, who was ruled out of the rest of the World Cup with a broken vertebra after getting kneed in the back in the quarterfinal win

over Colombia.

It might have been more fitting to hold up the No. 3 shirt of Silva.

The Paris Saint-Germain defender was forced to miss the match against Germany because he accumulated too many yellow cards in the previous matches.

Scolari apologized to fans for failing to lead the host to the final, saying the "catastrophic" defeat marked the "worst day" of his professional life.

"I have to apologize for the negative result, for not being able to reach the final as we all wanted," Scolari said, speaking calmly after the humiliating loss.

Scolari took full responsibility for the drubbing, and said he knows that it's very likely that his career may be defined by what happened at the Mineirão Stadium — even though he also led Brazil to the 2002 World Cup title.

"Naturally, if I think about my life as a player and as a coach, I think this was the worst day of my life," Scolari said. "I know I'll probably be remembered for losing 7-1 to Germany, for Brazil's worst loss. But it was a risk I knew I was taking. I have to take responsibility for it. Life must go on for everybody."

Scolari. "I think everyone, like, blanked out."

Loew spotted vulnerabilities in the Brazil defense and that it leaves open spaces at the back when it attacks. The absence of Thiago Silva, Brazil's defensive rock and captain suspended for this game because he collected two yellow cards earlier in the tournament, will be mentioned among the reasons why his team rolled over. But even that doesn't really explain it.

And take out Neymar, as Colombian defender Juan Camilo Zuniga did with his knee, breaking a bone in the striker's back, and you're left with a Brazil team with more guns than teeth. But even with Neymar, Brazil couldn't have scored as many goals as the Germans. They have a team. Brazil didn't.

In the stadium, the mood soured. The crowd chanted unprintable insults aimed at President Dilma Rousseff. The ramifications of this defeat will be political, too.

And it could yet get worse.

Brazil's bitterest rival, Argentina, could advance to Sunday's final if it beats the Netherlands in the other semifinal on Wednesday.

If that happens, Brazilians will cheer for Germany, the team that hurt them so badly.

Because if Argentina wins the Cup it wanted so badly, Brazil's torture will be complete.

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At Sao Paulo  
Netherlands vs. Argentina

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### Championship

Sunday, July 13  
At Rio de Janeiro  
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throwing itself like a herd of lemmings off a cliff. Not just a team self-destructing, but an entire nation's hopes and World Cup joy turning to vinegar and flushing down the drain on live TV before millions of disbelieving eyes around the globe.

"We realized that they were cracking up and took advantage of it," said Germany coach Joachim Loew.

Even the halftime score — Brazil 0, Germany 5 — was something no sports writer ever expects to have to record for posterity. No nation has ever done anything like this to Brazil, not once in all the decades that Brazilians have played and refined football, making it futebol and making it better.

Germany's goals rained in so thick and fast it became a struggle to keep up. The second and then, a minute later, the third goal had the effect of a stun-gun on Brazil. Its players were laboring under such pressure to win their home World Cup. And when it became clear in that minute that they would fail, that pressure became like poison on their brains and legs. They became like ghosts. In the next five minutes, they let in two more.

For Germany, it was like shooting fish in a barrel. No shot could miss. Everything worked. With Brazil gone AWOL, they had the place to themselves. In the crowd, fans' tears cut streaks through their yellow and green face paint. An elderly man clutched a plastic



**A Brazil fan cries as she watches her team's 7-1 loss to Germany in Tuesday's semifinal in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.**

imitation World Cup trophy as though it was a life preserver, as close as Brazil will come to the real thing this time.

"Truthfully it's very hard to explain the unexplainable," said Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar. "A blackout happened that no one was expecting."

Just like their parents and grandparents, this generation of Brazilians now has a football trauma of its own to haunt them. In 1950, when Brazil last hosted the World Cup, Alcides Ghiggia scored the Cup-winning goal for Uruguay in the final match against Brazil, leaving a mark on the nation's psyche as deep and painful as a branding iron.

There were five heart-break-

ers this time: Thomas Mueller, Toni Kroos and Andre Schuerle, who got two each, Sami Khedira and Miroslav Klose. Klose's goal added insult to injury by taking his career World Cup total to 16, leaving him alone with the record that previously belonged to a Brazilian, Ronaldo.

Brazil had never let in so many goals in a World Cup game or so many in a half. It was the worst defeat for a World Cup host country and was as bad a loss as Brazil has ever suffered in any tournament or any game. It equaled the margin of its previous worst-ever defeat — a 6-0 loss to Uruguay in 1920.

"It was one after the other," said Brazil coach Luiz Felipe



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Andre Schuerrie celebrates after scoring Germany's sixth goal during Tuesday's semifinal match against Brazil at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Germany won 7-1.

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A Brazil fan cries as she watches.

# Germany's record-setting beatdown of Brazil leaves host country reeling

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**E**VEN FOR an 84-year-old tournament drenched in history, Germany 7, Brazil 1 — you read that right — will be remembered as one of the craziest World Cup matches ever. Because of the humiliation it inflicted on a great footballing nation, as one of the most painful to watch, too.

Brazil, the once mighty Brazil, the Brazil that gave the world Pelé, so many other great players and yellow-shirted delight,

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